

Bonnye Gaye Varland



Bonnye Gaye Varland, 69, died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Pence-Reese Funeral Home in Newton. Friends may greet the family from 9:30 til 11 a.m. before the service. Memorials may

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be designated to the Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa or Grinnell Regional Hospice and may be left at the funeral home.

Bonnye Gaye Varland, the daughter of John and Vivian Warner DeGreef, was born April 5, 1948, in Newton. She graduated from Newton Senior High School and went on to receive her nursing certificate from Iowa Lutheran School of Nursing and do post-graduate work at the University of Texas.

She worked as a Registered Nurse for the State of Iowa and for Skiff Medical Center in Newton. She was a member of the Lutheran Church. Her greatest joy was spending time with her grandkids, creating fond memories of trips to the candy store, exploring nature together, and numerous sleepovers. She enjoyed flowers and butterflies, cross-stitching, crocheting and making others laugh.

She is survived by her daughter, Sara Jansen; four grandchildren; her sisters, Penny Rasmussen and Debbie Swihart; her brothers, Mark DeGreef and Dan DeGreef; her step-mother, Connie DeGreef; and many other relations.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Jon DeGreef.