

**Tanya Denice Ellis** <sup>GA-R</sup> 10-4-2018  
**In Memoriam**



Tanya Denice Ellis, age 43, of Grinnell, died on Monday, October 1, 2018, at her home with her loving family by her side after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

A visitation was held on Thursday, October 4, 2018, from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. with family present from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. A funeral service will be held Friday, October 5, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

Tanya Denice Ellis was born on January 18, 1975, to Donald and Mary "Bess" Draegert in Newton, Iowa. She was raised in Maxwell before moving to Grinnell. Tanya graduated from Grinnell High School.

Tanya was united in marriage to Donald Ellis Sr. in Grinnell, Iowa, on August 20, 2005. Tanya worked at Hy-Vee in Grinnell as the Online Manager for 20 years.

Tanya loved her camping trips with Don and the many vacations they would take. She loved her dogs and enjoyed riding motorcycles. Tanya also loved to watch cooking shows and home improvement shows. Most of all, she loved her family.

Tanya is survived by her husband, Donald Ellis Sr., of Grinnell; two step children, Donald Ellis of Grinnell and Stacy Ellis of Grinnell; six grandchildren, Noah and Christopher Beal of Grinnell, Mackenzie, Brady and Maxwell Ellis of Grinnell, and Blake Reuter of Grinnell; and her brother, Ian (Joy) Draegert of Indianapolis, Ind. She was preceded in death by her parents, Don Draegert and Mary "Bess" Draegert.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated to PALS (Poweshiek Animal League Shelter), mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family online at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).