

CH-R 4-13-2019

## Wanda Neff Burkett

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A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. Interment at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell. A reception will follow at the St. Francis Manor Social Center.

Visitation will begin at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home and her family will receive friends from 4 until 7 p.m.

Memorials may be designated to the American Cancer Society, 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).

CH-R 4-18-2019

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Wanda Gayle Foster was born the daughter of Raymond and Edith (Chedester) Foster on October 13, 1933, in Grinnell, Iowa. She was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1952.

Wanda was united in marriage to Robert L. Neff on June 27, 1952, in Grinnell. The couple made their home in Grinnell and were blessed with four children Duane, Richard, Diane and Debra. Wanda was a homemaker until she began working for the Grinnell school district as a cook, and then began an extensive career with Grinnell College in Dining Services until her retirement at the age of 75. Wanda was married to Doyle Burkett on November 1, 2006.

Wanda was very proud of her family and loved attending her grandchildren's school and sporting events. She was an excellent cook and was famous for her cinnamon rolls. She also enjoyed gardening and going to coffee with her friends while living at Seeland Park. She will be remembered for her kindness and compassion, for being a good friend, and for the love of her family.

Wanda is survived by her sons, Duane (Janet) Neff of Grinnell and Richard Neff of St. Paul, Minnesota; daughter, Diane (Kevin) Schultz of Grinnell; step-sons, Rick (Gigi) Burkett of Waukee, Iowa, and Neal Burkett of Grinnell; eight grandchildren, Kerry Neff, Katie Offerman, Nicole Medin, Abby Neff, John Schultz, Amanda Bergman, Rachel Hall and Robert Frimml; and three step-grandchildren, Alisha Burkett, Brooke Burkett and Bill Burkett; and 19 great grandchildren.

Wanda was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Robert Neff; husband, Doyle Burkett; daughter, Debra McClure; and siblings, Lorene Barr and Gerald Foster.