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Margaret M. 'Maggie' Ashford



Margaret M. "Maggie" Ashford, 73, of Grinnell, died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020, at UnityPoint Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Aug. 19, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Grinnell with Fr. Ross Epping presiding. Interment followed at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorials may be designated to St. Mary Catholic Church and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Margaret's family online at www.smithfh.com.

Margaret was born the daughter of William and Marie Molitor Ashford on Dec. 13, 1946, in Omaha, Neb. She was raised in Omaha and later in Bismarck, ND, where she graduated from Priory High School in 1965. She received a BA degree from Barat College in Lake Forest, Ill.

For over 25 years, Maggie worked as a computer software consultant with various employers and traveled throughout the United States. She was a longtime member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Grinnell.

Maggie was an active volunteer of the Poweshiek County Democratic Party and the Break Thru Foundation, which cares for at-risk youth in San Francisco, Calif. Her most memorable trips were to Ireland in 1999 and to the 1972 Olympics in Munich, Germany.

Maggie is survived by her cousins, including Mike Thorndike of Grinnell, and other relations including good friend Connie Kammandel of Omaha. She was preceded in death by her parents.