

Paulette Ruth Kirby ⁶¹⁻⁴ 1-20-2020

Paulette Ruth Kirby, age 67 of Grinnell, died on Friday, January 17, 2020, at her home with her family by her side and under the care of Grinnell Regional Hospice.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Interment will follow at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home and Ruth's family will greet friends from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Memorials may be designated to the Paulette Ruth Kirby Memorial Fund and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with her family online at www.smithfh.com.



Paulette Ruth Innis was born to Russell and Floreene (Swearingen) Innis on March 23, 1952, in Marshalltown, Iowa. She attended Marshalltown, Gilman, and Green Mountain schools, respectively. Her family moved to Grinnell after the passing of her father, and she completed her education at Grinnell schools.

Ruth was united in marriage to Ronald Lacy and their union was blessed with two children, Russell and Tammy. They were later divorced. She was united in marriage to Steve Kirby, the love of her life, on September 22, 2001, at the Newburg-Chester Congregational Church across the street from their home in Newburg. Ruth worked for Head Start for over ten years, Stadiums Unlimited, Food 4 Less, and Grinnell College, retiring in 2014, and she later worked at the Grinnell Steak House until her health caused her to stop working in 2016.

Ruth dearly loved her family unconditionally. She loved family get-togethers and enjoyed playing games, dolls, and Star Wars with her children, grandsons and great granddaughter. She played the accordion since she was nine years of age. Her enjoyments were fishing, camping, hunting, and doing yard work. Following her stroke in 2016, her husband Steve drove her to out east to New Jersey to visit her sister and then to North Carolina to visit her brother and sister-in-law. It was one of her favorite trips.

Ruth is survived by her husband, Steve Kirby, of Newburg; daughter, Tammy Dudley of Grinnell; grandsons, Jacob (Samara) Lacy and their daughter, Lilly, and Jesse (Angel) Dudley; sister, Dorretta Costello Teaneck of New Jersey; brothers, Bobby Innis of Keystone, Iowa, and Kenny Innis of Havelock, North Carolina; many cousins, nieces, nephews; two aunts, Mary and Rachel; brother-in-law, Leo (Blanch) Draeger; and her great friend, Pam Stevens of Grinnell.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; son, Russell in 1988; sisters, Hazel and Bessie; and brothers, Billy and Buddy.

John Kline

STRAWBERRY POINT Dr. John William Kline, age 67, of Strawberry Point, passed away Friday, January 3, 2020, at the Regional Medical Center in Manchester. A Memorial Mass will be held 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 11, 2020, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Brooklyn, with Father Corey Close officiating. The family will be available for visitation from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m., Saturday, January 11, 2020, in the St. Patrick's Parish Hall. A burial will be held at a later date in the Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn. A memorial fund has been established. Kloster Funeral Home, Brooklyn, is assisting the family with arrangements.



John is survived by his mother Marcena Kline, of Brooklyn; seven siblings, Michael (Kim) Kline, of Port Charlotte, FL, Thomas Kline (Kim Hoover), of Ames, Susan (Erik) Winberg, of Brookfield, WI, Catherine McConnell, of Ankeny, Linda (Tom) Law, of Brooklyn, Dolores (David) McClenathan, of Montezuma and Edward (Diana) Kline, of Brooklyn; a sister-in-law Sandra Kline, of Monticello, IL; a brother-in-law Robert Parker, of Indian Trail, NC; 50 nieces and nephews; 46 great nieces and nephews; numerous other relatives, friends; and a special friend Yvonne Gaudes. He was preceded in death by his father William in 1978, two sisters Jane Kline in 2007 and Barbara Parker in 2012, and a brother Joseph Kline in 2017.

John was born July 17, 1952, in Grinnell, the son of William and Marcena (Zeller) Kline. He grew up north of Brooklyn and graduated from the Brooklyn Community High School. At age 8, John stated he wanted to be a veterinarian and never strayed from that. John continued his education at Iowa State University and graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine in 1976. He opened a general mixed animal practice in Colo, Iowa. He married Ginger Horak in May of 1975. The couple later divorced. In 1985, John moved to Strawberry Point and established a relief veterinary practice. He was a relief veterinarian and traveled extensively to serve other veterinarians (many of whom were friends) in Iowa, Colorado, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin. John was an avid reader. He loved golfing, photography, gardening, astronomy and jazz music. He was involved in community theatre. John was proud to have played a sheriff in a movie shot in Iowa City. He was involved in local politics as a lifelong democrat and served as a trustee in Jefferson Township. He also enjoyed making fudge, working on computers, and playing cards.

Online condolences may be left at www.klosterfuneralhome.com

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