

Merle Schinnow



Merle Schinnow, 66, of Grinnell, formerly of Marshalltown and Charles City, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service will take place Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007, at 11 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home with Larry Voorhees, a family friend, officiating. Memorials may be made to the Lynn Cohen Ovarian Cancer Foundation. Because of her love of sports, her family requests that family members and friends who attend her memorial celebrate her life by wearing any of her favorite team colors.

The daughter of Graydon and Mary Anderson Mathison, she was born July 31, 1940, in Elmore, Minn. She was raised in Rudd, Iowa, and was a 1958 graduate of Rudd High School. She was married on April 8, 1961, to Terry Schinnow in Mason City. They resided in Charles City for 20 years and in Marshalltown for another ten years. She moved to Grinnell in 1993 and was employed at Wal-Mart. She was an avid gardener, an avid sports fan and enjoyed following the Minnesota Vikings, Chicago Cubs and University of Iowa football and basketball teams.

She is survived by three children, Tracy Schinnow of Marshalltown and Valorie Bryngelson and Stephanie Schinnow, both of Grinnell; four grandchildren; one brother Skeeter Mathison of Norwalk, and one sister Vanda Ingham of Chattanooga, Tenn. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

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Because of her love of sports, her family requests that family members and friends who attend the service celebrate her life by wearing any of her favorite team colors which include the Minnesota Vikings, Chicago Cubs and the University of Iowa football and basketball teams.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lynne Cohen Ovarian Cancer Foundation.