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Patti Milner



Patti Milner, 77, of Grinnell and formerly of Brooklyn, died Tuesday, March 30, 2021, at her home and

under the care of UnityPoint Grinnell Regional Hospice;

A private family service will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Patti's family online at www.smithfh.com.

Patti Fowler was born on Jan. 27, 1944 in South Sioux City, Neb., to Merle and Letha Owens Fowler. She was raised and educated in South Sioux City.

Patti married Fritz Milner on Aug. 19, 1961, in South Sioux City, and they had four children. They lived there until 1979 when they moved to Brooklyn, where they owned and operated the Star Inn Truck Plaza for several years before retiring.

Patti's greatest blessing was her family and extended family. She

loved to bake, and was known for her pumpkin bread and ever-famous fruit salad, made each holiday. She enjoyed watching Days of our Lives; gardening, fishing, boating, camping and eating ice cream; listening to Elvis Presley, Fleetwood Mac, Kenny Rogers, and Dolly Parton music; all-night Yahtzee parties with grandkids, annual pool parties, celebrating the holidays, and going to casinos; shenanigans with

Fritz, Paula and Larry; and watching Nebraska Cornhusker football.

Patti is survived by three children, Mike Milner of Brooklyn, and Michelle Milner and Jeff Milner of Grinnell; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Susie Milner-Williams; three grandchildren; and brothers, Virgil, Mike, Merle and Jerry Fowler.

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Patti's greatest blessing was her family and extended family as "blood" had no boundaries to her love and care for others. She adored ALL her grandchildren. She was the co-owner of Star Inn, and loved to bake. Patti was famous for her pumpkin bread & ever famous fruit salad, that was made each holiday for each of the "kids" and "grandkids".

Her enjoyments were watching Days of our Lives, gardening, fishing, boating, camping, eating ice cream, listening to Elvis Presley, Fleetwood MAC, Kenny Rogers, and Dolly Parton music, Playing ALL NIGHT Yahtzee parties with grandkids, annual pool parties, celebrating the holidays, going to the casinos, shenanigans with Fritz, Paula & Larry, and watching Nebraska Cornhusker football.

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