Clarise Johnson



Clarise Johnson, 60, of Grinnell died Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Unity Point Hospital-Grinnell. A funeral service will be held at 12 noon on Monday, March 13, at Cox-Smith Funeral Home. Visitation will be held that day from 10 a.m. until the time of service at noon. Memorials in her name can be sent in care of Cox-Smith Funeral and Cremation Service, PO Box 163,

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Clarise was born July 25, 1962, to Shahidah Muhammad in Chicago, Ill., the eldest of 13 children. She graduated from Corliss High School and attended Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Ill. On May 8, 2000, Clarise married Johnny Johnson in Chicago.

She wore many hats: she worked in the health care field for several years, worked at Brownells, was a babysitter, drove for Uber and was a chauffeur for Grinnell College. Her family said she usually had the answer to any problem

you might have.

Clarise is survived by her husband, Johnny Johnson of Grinnell; three sons, Amir Johnson, Shafeeq Johnson and Rasheed Johnson, all of Grinnell; six grandchildren; nine sisters, Debra Hall, Margie Nicholson, Ngina Malone, Maryam Malone, Shahidah Muhammad, Michelle Keyes, Paula Malone, Barbara Malone and Jameelah Muhmmad; one brother, Billy Malone; and several relations and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Randy Levell and Ali Muhammad.