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## Kristen Lynn Baker



Kristen Lynn Baker, age 58, of Iowa City, Iowa, died on August 23, 2023, at the University of Iowa Hospitals after unexpected complications connected to her courageous battle against breast cancer.

Kristen was born August 26, 1964, to Marsha and Richard Bachman in Grinnell, Iowa. She graduated from Grinnell High School in 1983. She then attended and graduated from Iowa Central Community College, majoring in dental assisting. She soon began her thirty-one-year tenure at the University of Iowa Hospital of Dentistry.

Kristen was the happiest when she was with her daughter, Mackenzie, her son, Dylan, and her husband and best friend, Kelly Baker. Becoming a grandmother was one of the greatest joys of her life. When she wasn't spending time with family, one could find her tending to her many plants and flowers around her home.

Kris is survived by her husband, Kelly Baker of Iowa City; daughter Mackenzie (Logan) Mundt of Cedar Falls, son Dylan (Rachel) Mertens of Iowa City; grandchildren Maren Mertens and Beckett Mundt; her parents, Richard and Marsha Bachman; sister Kimberly Bigler (Matt); nephew Quinn Bigler and niece Annie Bigler; and extended family.

A celebration of life is planned for October 5, 2023, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Lensing Funeral Home, 605 Kirkwood Ave, Iowa, City, 52240, with a time of sharing to begin at 6:00 p.m. An educational fund has been established in honor of Kris' grandchildren.