

## Deb Martinez



later relocated to Grinnell. In Grinnell, Deb built a fulfilling career, working for Brenton Bank, Plate Baker CPA, TL Baker CPA, and the Mayflower Community.

Deb was a true fitness enthusiast, who loved riding Harley Davidson motorcycles, golfing, music, and dancing. She was a social butterfly who brightened any gathering, and she especially loved the holidays – Halloween being her favorite. She was a loyal friend, a strong and resilient woman, and deeply devoted to her family.

Deb is survived by her son, Joel Ebel of Lone Tree, Colo., her daughter, Erica Hines of Lapel, Ind., and her son, DJ Beck of Grinnell; ten grandchildren; and her siblings, Kathleen Mendez of Denver, Colo., Elaine Martinez of Littleton, Colo., Dorothy Thompson of Brooklyn, Iowa, Jerome Martinez of Rayne, La., and Suzanne Diez of Lafayette, Colo.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Joseph Martinez.

Deb Martinez, 60, of Grinnell, died Sunday, March 30, 2025, at Montezuma Specialty Care.

A memorial gathering will be held from 4 until 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 5, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Memorials may be designated to Relay for Life (American Cancer Society) and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home and Crematory, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Deb's family online at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

Deborah Agnes Martinez, born on Jan. 11, 1965, in Albuquerque, NM, to Jose and Rosalie Chavez Martinez. She was raised in Albuquerque and later in Denver, Colo. She graduated from Kennedy High School in 1983.

She was a devoted mother to her three children whom she raised with love and dedication in Denver. During her time there, she worked for the United States Postal Service before the family