

Debbie Breeden



Debbie Breeden, 49, of Newburg died Thursday, Nov. 20, 2008, at her home of cancer.

Funeral service were held Monday, Nov. 24, at Grinnell United Methodist Church with the Rev. Pam Slanagan, pastor of the Kellogg United Methodist Church and Pleasant View United Methodist Church near Kellogg, officiating. Pallbearers were Christopher, Corey, Nathan, and Zach Gifford, Jared and Marty Breeden, and J.J. Wiley. Honorary bearers were nieces and nephews. Burial as in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, rural Jasper County, near Newburg. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Debbie Breeden Memorial Fund.

She was born Jan. 27, 1959, in Grinnell, the daughter of Clinton and Arlene Sharp Gifford. She was raised near Kellogg and was a 1977 graduate of Newton High School. Following her education she was employed for several years at G.T.E.

On Aug. 4, 1979, she was united in marriage with Kevin Breeden at the Pleasant View United Methodist Church near Kellogg. While her husband served in the United States Air Force the couple lived in South Dakota, Germany, and Florida. They moved to Kellogg in 1986 prior to settling in Newburg in 1987. She was employed at Food 4 Less in Grinnell for eight years and later at Subway in Grinnell where she was an assistant manager. For the last three years she managed the Subway south of Grinnell near I-80.

Debbie loved her animals and enjoyed caring for them. She enjoyed collecting figurines, coffee mugs, steins, and nutcrackers. She also enjoyed flower gardening, traveling, and shopping for crafts. She loved the Christmas season and shopping at the Disney Store. She was an avid Johnny Bench and Cincinnati Reds baseball fan.

Survivors include her husband, Kevin of Newburg; her parents, Clinton and Arlene Gifford of Kellogg; three brothers Clinton "Biff" Gifford, Jr. of Kellogg, Kevin Gifford of Newton, and Curtis Gifford of Des Moines; and many nieces and nephews.

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