Randy L. Poole



Randy L. Poole, 46, of 3194 35th St., Grinnell, died of cancer Saturday, May 19, at Skiff Medical Center in Newton.

A memorial services was conducted Wednesday morning at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Merle Smith, chaplain of Skiff Medical Center and Jasper County Hospice, officiating. The body was cremated.

She was born July 11, 1954, in Fort Smith, Ark., to M/Sgt. James Marcus and Pearl Lucille Parrett Duncan II. She lived in various communities throughout the U.S. before settling in Albuquerque, N.M., where she received her high school education. She later received an A.A. degree from Bee Community College in Texas and a B.A. from Buena Vista University in Storm Lake. She enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served with the Seabces in Gulf Port, Miss.; Groton, Conn.; and Bermuda.

She was married to Steven J. Poole Feb. 18, 1987, in Gulf Port. They lived in Beeville, Texas, and Adak, Alaska, before moving to Grinnell in 1994. She was a social worker with Progress Industries in Newton.

Surviving are her husband; one son, Joseph Esposito of Kailua, Oahu, Hawaii; two grandchildren; her mother, Pearl McElyea of Albuquerque; three sisters, Rondalyn Jethro of Titusville, Fla., Tammy Green of Albuquerque and Gabrielle Duncan of Los Lunas, N.M.; and two brothers, James Duncan III and Pearl Duncan, both of Albuquerque.

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