Joyce Schupbach

Joyce Lynn Schupbach, 40, of Grinnell died Thursday, Jan. 5, at her home.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at Herrick Chapel on the Grinnell College campus, with the Rev. Danny Hodges, pastor of Grace Community Church, officiating. Music was provided by Mary Ogata, organist; Milton Severe, soloist; and members of the Rock Creek Country Band.

Pallbearers were members of the U.S. Air Force Reserves 710th Medical Squadron, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. Burial was Monday at Hazelwood Cemetery, with military rites conducted by members of Focht-Tennant American Legion Post of Grinnell.

Memorial contributions in her name may be made to the Grinnell Regional Medical Center Student Nursing Scholarship Fund.

The daughter of Charles "Dick" and Gertrude "Ruth" Parson Gassaway, she was born Jan. 28, 1954, in Wheeling, W.Va. She was a 1972 graduate of John Marshall High School in Moundsville, W.Va. She received a diploma from Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing in Wheeling and later received her B.A. degree in health education from the University of Nebraska—Omaha.

She served for 14 years as an officer in the U.S. Air Force and Reserves and was a veteran of the Persian Gulf War.

She was married to Phillip Schupbach Feb. 23, 1984, in Omaha. They moved to Grinnell in 1990. In 1987, she adopted three boys from Costa Rica.

She was a nurse at Grinnell Regional Medical Center and had served at other hospitals throughout the U.S., specializing in surgery, emergency, intensive care and nursing education. She also was an owner of, and riding instructor at, White Stone Farm here. She was a member of Grace Community Church and served on the board of directors of the Grinnell chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Surviving are her husband; her parents; three children, Randall of Costa Rica and Marco and Luis, both of Grinnell; her grandfather, James Parson of Moundsville; and a sister, Donna Iams of Tucson, Ariz. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Eva Parson and Stella Gassaway.