

Obituary

Mary Bear, 54, State Center

After a long roller coaster ride with leukemia, Mary Bear of State Center, Iowa, lost her battle on December 24, 2009, at the age of 54.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 28, 2009, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in State Center. Visitation was on Sunday evening from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the church with a rosary service following at 8:00 p.m. Memorials may be designated to Mary's family. For condolences, please visit

www.mitchellfh.com.

The Mitchell Family Funeral Home has been caring for Mary and her family. Phone 641-844-1234.

Mary had 35 years of marriage to her loving

husband and best friend, Craig. During these great years they were blessed with two sons: Taylor, wife Kimberly, grandson Dallas, and granddaughters Averie and Colbie; and Adam, wife Jacquelyn, and grandsons Dawson, Garrett, and Wyatt.

Spending time with her grandchildren brought so much joy to her life. The family enjoyed camping, fishing, and trips to Hickory Grove. Also, if you had a garage sale, you could count on seeing Mary.

Mary's love was so abundant for her Dad and Mom (Earl and Joan Gray), sisters Cathy Davis and Becky Ziebell, and brothers John and Brian Gray. She takes great memories with her.