Judith "Judy" Marie Ruport Hoover, 61, Rhodes

Judith “Judy” Marie Ruport Hoover, 61, passed away Monday, March 3 at the Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames after a brief illness. She went with the angels to be with God and her husband, William Jay.

Funeral services will be held 10:30 Friday, March 7th at the New Horizon United Methodist Church in Melbourne. Burial will be in the Eden Cemetery, Rhodes. Visitation will be held from 6-8pm Thursday evening at the Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home in Marshalltown. Memorials may be directed to the family. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.vogelfuneralhomes.com.

Judy was born on June 8th, 1946 in Superior, Wisconsin to Lola and Earl Ruport. Lola remarried to Joseph Grotzinger in 1957 who was her father until he passed away in October of 2007.

Judy worked at Avionics in Duluth, Minnesota in her early years. On February 15, 1969 she was united in marriage to Bill Hoover, the couple made their home in Rhodes, Iowa where they devoted their lives to raising their children and played a large part in helping to raise their grandchildren.

She took on a full time job at Wal-Mart in Marshalltown and worked there until she lost the love of her life and husband of 36 years in January of 2005. Judy loved to knit, crochet, garden, go to the D.A.V. and Goodwill, church, read a good romance novel, visit friends and relatives, but most importantly she loved her family the most. She was open to all and always was there to help anyone. Judy loved her animals, her dogs and cats. She fed the birds and squirrels and she cast away nothing or no one.

Judy is survived by her Mother, Lola (Lowry) Grotzinger of Superior, Wisconsin; her daughter, Jodie Marie (Tom) Jasper of Des Moines; her son, William (Mindy) Bradley of Laurel; her brothers, Jerry (Kay) Ruport, Theodore (Laurel) Ruport of Superior, Wisconsin, John (Chris) Ruport of Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota, William (Kaye) Ruport of Marshalltown; sisters, Linda (Craig) Collins of Superior, Wisconsin and Deanne Ruport of Marshalltown; two step-brothers, Jerry Grotzinger of West Olive, Minnesota and Bob Grotzinger of Ladysmith, Wisconsin; four grandsons, William “Jake” and Jesse Wignall of Rhodes; Steffen and Kyle Berst of Des Moines; her father and mother-in-law William Gerald and Loraine Hoover of Gilman; her brother-in-law Jim Hoover of Rhodes and her sister-in-law Betty Wenke of Colfax.

Judy is preceded in death by her husband, William “Bill” Jay; her step-father, Joseph Grotzinger; her Father, Earl Ruport; her step-mother Ardis Ruport Luiken and her niece, Lori Ann Grotzinger.

Judy will be deeply missed and always loved.