

Suzanne Hansen

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Suzanne Hansen, 78, of Grinnell, died on Monday, November 4, 2024, surrounded by family, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

A funeral mass is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., Friday, November 8, 2024, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Grinnell, with Fr. Bill Reynolds officiating. A rosary service is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Friday, November 8, 2024, at St. Mary Catholic Church followed by a visitation from 10:00 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. A luncheon will be held immediately following the mass at St. Mary Parish Hall. A private family burial will be held at Hazelwood Cemetery later.

Suzanne "Suzi" (Thiltgen) Hansen, was born on August 4, 1946, in Des Moines, Iowa. She passed away on November 4, 2024, in Grinnell at 78 years of age.

Bill & Suzi were united in marriage on June 29, 1968, after meeting in Davenport, where Suzi attended Marycrest College and Bill attended St. Ambrose College. In 1972, they welcomed their daughter Renee.

Bill and Suzi owned and operated the iconic Danish Maid Bakery in Grinnell for 38 years before retiring in 2014, much to the disappointment of those who routinely began their mornings with their signature baked goods.

Suzi was widely involved in the Grinnell community and St. Mary Church.

Suzi was well-known for her generosity, whether that was including a little extra baked good to a customer's order, or faithfully recognizing birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions with gifts and cards.

Suzi is survived by her loving husband Bill; her daughter Renee (Jay) Deitrich of Grinnell, Iowa; grandchildren, Ava, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and Maxwell of Ankeny, Iowa; her brother Tom Thiltgen of Carol Stream, Illinois; her sister Judy (Rick) Blake of Waterloo, Iowa; a host of nieces and nephews, extended family members, and many loyal friends.

Suzi was preceded in death by her parents Clifford and Lizanne (Reihsen)Thiltgen, and her sister Becky Kemp.

Before her passing, Suzi requested that in lieu of flowers, that you direct your generosity to the following organizations: The American Cancer Society, St. Jude's Hospital, The Mica Food Pantry, the Wounded Warrior Project, the Grinnell High School in care of The Invisible Closet, and the Grinnell Middle School in care of The Invisible Closet.