

GHR 5-6-2024  
**Linda Dunwoody**



Linda Dunwoody, 74, of Grinnell, died Wednesday, May 1, 2024, surrounded by her family at Newton Care Center.

A celebration of life gathering will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, May 13, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Memorials may be designated to Tiger Packs (an initiative to combat hunger in the Grinnell-Newburg School District), and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home and Crematory, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Linda's family online at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

Linda was born the daughter of Glen Marion Dunwoody and Jeanetta Zwank Dunwoody in Oskaloosa on March 5, 1950. She was raised in New Sharon and graduated from North Mahaska High School in 1968.

She lived in Grinnell and she was employed at General Telephone, Donaldson's, Best Western, Grinnell Graphix, and as a paraeducator at Grinnell High School.

She loved helping children learn and achieve as a paraeducator. She provided them with meals as needed and cared for their well-being; she was proud to receive the Claude and Dolly Ahrens Foundation "Leave It Better Than You Found It" award in 2001 for making an impact on these children's lives. She was an avid softball player and played in a league until she was 50 years old. She enjoyed taking photos, listening to music, rock hunting being with her family. Linda is survived by her daughters, Heather Todavich and Lacy Fillmore, both of Grinnell; two grandchildren; and her brother, Randy Dunwoody of Des Moines.

She was preceded in death by her parents.