



Joyce Gosnell

September 28, 1945 - June 9, 2022

TRIPOLI – Joyce Gosnell, 76, of Tripoli, died Thursday, June 9, 2022, at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo.

She was born September 28, 1945, in Independence, Iowa, the daughter of Richard and Darlene (Copenhaver) Rathbun. Joyce graduated from Fredericksburg Senior High School in 1964. She also received training in accounting from Hawkeye Institute of Technology in Waterloo. Joyce worked several jobs during her lifetime (waitress, cook, baker, laundry, manufacturing, bookkeeper) but retired from K & L Draperies as a seamstress in Waverly. She married Carl Mulling, Jr 15 years but later divorced. She was partners with Tom Meeker, Sr. 22 years until his death. She was married to Robert Gosnell and widowed after 11 months. She was partners with Bob Swartz 14 years until his death.

Joyce had many interests during her life. She enjoyed going to garage sales and thrift stores. She enjoyed fishing, boating, camping, and meeting new people. She loved motorcycle rides. She enjoyed trying new restaurants and playing slot machines at casinos. She found joy in baking and surprising friends and family with little gifts or trinkets, especially flowers. She always wanted to be on the go.

Joyce is survived by her daughter, Carla (Keith) Coates of Parkersburg; son,

Rick Mulling of Shell Rock; six grandchildren, Nathan, Hannah, and Grace Coates, Rayna, Cameron, and Keaton Mulling; one great grandchild, Veronica Coates; one sister, Janice (Larry) Doyle of Minnesota; and one nephew, Lynn (Cindy) Doyle.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her partners, her husband, and her two infant sons, Dale and Eugene Mulling.

There will be no services per her request. Memorials may be directed to the family c/o Carla Coates, 22398 130th St, Parkersburg, IA 50665.