



## Lori Margaret Ripley-Woodard

November 26, 1958 - November 30, 2012

Lori Margaret (Blume) Ripley-Woodard age 54 of Elkhorn, NE., formerly of Storm Lake, IA., passed away peacefully on November 30th, 2012 at Lakeside Hospital in Omaha after a courageous battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her family and friends.

Lori was born on November 26th, 1958 to William and Raydene Blume. She was a member of the United Methodist Church and graduated from Storm Lake High School in 1977. Lori attended college at Luther in Decorah, IA. In 1979, Lori fell in love with and married Dan Ripley, son of Paul and Margaret Ripley of Alta, IA. In 1989, they added Amanda Jade and in 1996, Kylee Eliza to their family. She held management positions with Sernet's, Northwest Fabrics and Linens and Things.

When Dan passed away in 2001, Lori fearlessly continued her primary mission to provide her girls with an amazing example of strength, love and determination. During this time, she began working at the Interior Design Firm in Omaha, and did so until her passing.

Lori was later blessed a second time to fall in love with Dale Woodard of Storm Lake and in 2008 they were married, combining their families with his children Jessica and Nicholas and grandchildren Dominik, Miah and Makenzie. They continued to live in Elkhorn where Dale presently works at Inland Truck Parts.

Lori had a lifelong love of sewing and quilting and found gardening to be a great source of pleasure. There was nothing she couldn't build, fix or

decorate. She was a great teacher and example of how to face adversity with grace, positive fortitude and force of will that was boundless.

Lori is preceded in death by her Grandparents Wm. A. and Edna Blume of Dunlap IA, Frank and Margaret Deel of Spirit Lake, IA and her first husband Dan Ripley. She is survived by her husband Dale Woodard, her daughters Amanda and Kylee, parents Wm. and Raydene Blume, brother Dan Blume, and sisters Cindy Johnson, and Renae Blume. She loved her big family and countless number of friends.

We could never give enough thanks to all of the nurses, doctors, and medical staff, (many who became friends,) at Lakeside Hospital and Midwest Cancer Center. You are God's hands on earth. You helped her meet her goals and then pointed the way when you could not go further.

In lieu of flowers, her family believes she would want you to reach out to another person who is fighting a disease and help provide hope. Memorial to family.

Visitation with viewing will be at Reichmuth Funeral Home in Elkhorn on Monday Dec. 3rd from 2-8pm with family receiving from 6-8pm. Services to celebrate her life will be held at the Elkhorn Hills United Methodist Church, 20227 Veterans Drive on Tuesday Dec. 4th at 11am. Gravesite ceremony will be Wednesday Dec. 4th at 1pm in Alta, IA., Woodlawn Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lori Margaret Ripley-Woodard*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *I am sorry to hear of Lori's passing. I have coached Kylee in softball for several seasons and have enjoyed Lori's wit and ever present smile. She was a joy to be around in the limited capacity that I got to know her. She loved her family and will be missed by those who knew her. My thoughts and prayers are with the family in this difficult time.*

**Steve Cudly** - December 05, 2012 at 01:38 PM



“ *Lori was always a delight to see even when she wasn't well. As a sales rep. who saw her only three or four times a year in her capacity at IDF, I knew she was special person. We delighted in giving each other a bad time but she was always there to help me and make my job easier.*

**Doug Erickson** - December 04, 2012 at 11:48 AM



“ *I've known Lori since grade school. She was always so cheerful, fun and full of energy. I haven't seen Lori since a few years out of high school. I was so sad to hear about her death. I wish nothing but peace and comfort to her husband, kids and family. God Bless all of you in this time of sadness. Danette (Johnson) Tropansky*

**Danette Johnson Tropansky** - December 03, 2012 at 02:34 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Lori's passing. Even though it's been over 20 years since Sernett closed and Lori and Dan moved to Omaha, I well remember Lori's superb talent and her hard work in making Sernett the place to be. She was a super gal!!

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**Warren D Woods** - December 02, 2012 at 09:00 AM

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“ We will miss Lori.. Her dedication to IDF, her love of her family, her unending fight to live will always be a tribute to the special person she was. We loved her and she will be a part of our lives forever.

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**Pam Stanek** - December 01, 2012 at 02:50 PM