

Cindy D. Richardson, age 54, of Lake View and formerly of Storm Lake, Iowa, died Sunday, October 7, 2007 at her home in Lake View.

Cindy Diana Drilling was born June 20, 1953 in Sac City, Iowa to Edward and Frances (Eldridge) Drilling. She lived with her parents in Lake View, Manilla, Iowa Falls and Sioux City before moving back to Lake View. Cindy attended Lake View-Auburn High School and later Iowa Central Community College.

On January 23, 1970, Cindy was united in marriage to Ted C. Richardson in Lake View, Iowa. They made their home in Lake View, Lytton, and Everly and for many years in Storm Lake.

Cindy was baptized at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Wall Lake and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. She worked nearly ten years at the Buena Vista Work Activity Center, holding various positions, and for the American Cancer Society as Income Development Director. Cindy served on several steering committees, state and national, receiving numerous awards including leading advocates in raising the highest per capita in the state to fight cancer. Over the years, Cindy was an active Jaycee in Everly, Iowa, receiving State awards for outstanding Unit Treasurer. She served as a Storm Lake Ambassador, including one term as president and served on the Storm Lake police advisory committee. She was active in the Storm Lake chapter of the Hy-Noon Kiwanis and a member of S.O.S. Most important to her was her family; she loved her family very much.

Those thankful for sharing her life include her husband, Ted C. Richardson of Lake View; her daughter, Jody Ledezma and her husband Oscar and their sons, Patrick and Diego of Omaha, Nebraska; son, Ted R. Richardson and his wife Charity and their son, Tate of Mount Pleasant, Iowa; daughter, Kayla Richardson of Storm Lake, Iowa; brother, John Drilling and his wife Teresa and their children, Tiffany and Joshua (Crystal); half-brother, Ken Drilling and his wife Angie; step-brothers: Mark Schmidt and his wife Andrea and Steven Drilling; nieces, nephews, as well as a host of friends.

Preceding Cindy in death were her father, Edward K. Drilling; half sister, Annette Drilling; and granddaughter, Bezabella Dianah Ledezma.

## *In Loving Memory*



**Cindy D. Richardson**  
1953 – 2007



## *A Letter to My Family & Friends*

To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say,  
But first of all to let you know, that I arrived okay.  
I'm writing this from Heaven, where I dwell with God above.  
Where there are no tears or sadness, there is just eternal love.  
Please do not be unhappy, just because I'm out of sight,  
Remember that I'm with you, every morning, noon and night.  
That day I had to leave you, when my life on Earth was through,  
God picked me up and hugged me, and He said, "I welcome you."  
"It's good to have you back again, you were missed while you were gone,  
As for your dearest family, they'll be here later on."  
"I need you here so badly, as part of my big plan,  
There's so much that we have to do, to help our mortal man."  
Then God gave me a list of things He wished for me to do.  
And foremost on that list of mine is to watch and care for you.  
I will be beside you, every day of the week and the year,  
And when you're sad, I'm standing there to wipe away the tear.  
And when you lie in bed at night, the day's chores put to flight,  
God and I are closest to you in the middle of the night.  
When you think of my life on Earth, and all those loving years,  
Because you're only human there's bound to be some tears.  
Do not be afraid to cry, it does relieve some pain.  
Remember, there would be no flowers without a little rain.  
One thing is for certain, though my life on Earth is over.  
I am closer to you now, than I ever was before,  
I am not far away from you, I'm just beyond the crest.  
And know I am content with my life, it was worthwhile.  
When you're walking down the street and you have me on your mind,  
I'm walking in your footsteps, only half a step behind.  
And when you feel a gentle breeze of wind upon your face,  
That is me giving you a great big hug, or just a soft embrace.  
When it's time for you to go from that body to be free,  
Remember you are not going, you are coming home to me.  
I will always love you, from that place way up above.  
I will be in touch again soon,

P.S. God sends his love.

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*Cindy Diana Richardson*

*June 20, 1953 — October 7, 2007*

### FUNERAL MASS

*Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.*

*St. Mary Catholic Church*

*Storm Lake, Iowa*

### CLERGY

*Father William Vit*

### MUSIC

*St. Mary's Caritas Choir*

### SOLOIST

*Sharon Daniels*

### ORGANIST

*Dolores Cullen*

### CASKETBEARERS

*Ben Dugan—Joey Spears—Roger Kueker  
Dennis Garvin—Josh Drilling—Maurice Huffman*

### HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

*Jo Carlson—Pat Overson—Cynde Huffman  
Joyce Landgraf—Carol Kuecker—Susan Garvin*

### INTERMENT

*St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery  
Wall Lake, Iowa*

*Arrangements by*

### FRATZKE & JENSEN FUNERAL HOME

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**W**e wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Storm Lake immediately following mass.

*— The Richardson Family*

