



## Cathy Marie Blau

October 31, 1951 - August 15, 2018

Cathy Marie Blau, 66, of Latimer, passed away Wednesday, August 15, 2018, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa. She was born on October 31, 1951, in Hampton, Iowa, to Marvin and Patty (Wagoner) Blau. Cathy graduated from CAL Community School and then completed two years of office and clerical courses at Spencer School of Business. Upon graduation, she worked in the office of the Alexander Hatchery in Alexander, Iowa, until its closure. Cathy worked for many years as a waitress at the Latimer Café until it closed. She was then hired as the cook at St. Paul Lutheran School in Latimer. Cathy loved the interaction with the students and faculty and enjoyed the years she spent there. The Latimer Café reopened under new ownership in a new building and Cathy found herself back in the job that would be her life long career. She was a waitress for a couple of years and then purchased the café and ran it successfully for nearly twenty years. Cathy's regular customers were like family and enjoyed the food, but mostly the opportunity to gather together and solve the world's problems. With a declining customer base and tougher economic times, Cathy decided to close the café. She never considered retirement and was back serving the public as a waitress at Dudley's Corner outside of Latimer. Cathy loved being with her coworkers each day and serving those she considered to be like family. Cathy enjoyed reading and shopping. She loved her two cats and spending time with her family, especially her nephews and great nieces and nephews. Cathy is survived by her mother Patty Blau of Latimer, sister Janell Blau of Latimer,

brother Dale (June) Blau of Latimer, nephew Adam (Melissa) Blau of Latimer, nephew Aaron (Mandy) Blau of Lisbon, great nieces Ava and Hannah, great nephews Cayden and Jordan. She was preceded in death by her father Marvin Blau, paternal and maternal grandparents and an infant brother.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cathy Marie Blau*

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**Ron Muhlenbruck** - August 16, 2018 at 04:55 PM