

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

68-0157 (9-06) - 3091078 - EI

**CASSANDRA DENNISON**  
Claimant

**APPEAL NO: 06A-UI-10977-ET**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**ANNE LOUISE HAGGLUND**  
Employer

**OC: 10-15-06 R: 04  
Claimant: Respondent (1)**

Iowa Code section 96.5(1) – Voluntary Leaving - Layoff

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

The employer filed a timely appeal from the November 7, 2006, reference 02, decision that allowed benefits to the claimant. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held by telephone conference call before Administrative Law Judge Julie Elder on November 30, 2006. The claimant participated in the hearing. Mary Beveridge, Power of Attorney/Niece and Martha Beveridge, Power of Attorney/Niece, participated in the hearing on behalf of the employer.

**ISSUE:**

The issue is whether the claimant was laid off due to a lack of work.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant was employed as a full-time caretaker for Anne Louise Hagglund from June 2004 to October 10, 2006. Ms. Hagglund passed away October 10, 2006, and consequently the claimant was laid off due to a lack of work.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the claimant was laid off due to a lack of work.

Iowa Code section 96.5-1 provides:

An individual shall be disqualified for benefits:

1. Voluntary quitting. If the individual has left work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the individual's employer, if so found by the department.

The claimant was a personal caretaker for Anne Louise Hagglund. She was laid off from her job with the unfortunate passing of Ms. Hagglund. Therefore, the separation was attributable to a lack of work by the employer. Benefits are allowed.

**DECISION:**

The November 7, 2006, reference 02, decision is affirmed. The claimant was laid off due to a lack of work. Benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

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Julie Elder  
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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