



Cathy "KK" Vawter

April 6, 1951 - July 25, 2008

Cathy (KK) Vawter, 57, Topeka passed away July 20, 2008. Cathy was born April 6, 1951 in Leavenworth KS the daughter of Bernard and Monace (Hakes) Mader. She graduated from Mayetta High School and attended Washburn University. Cathy married Larry Vawter December 18, 1982 in Holton KS. Cathy worked for Blue Cross and Blue Shield for 17 years; she retired in September of 2007. Cathy was very involved in Scouting and active in her church activities. She loved her grandchildren. She was a creative scrap booker and talented seamstress. Survivors include her husband, Larry Vawter, who lost his best friend and wife; children, Jason Hamilton (Kristen), Jennifer Anderson (Steve), all of Frisco TX, Jamie Hamilton (Kelley), Silver Lake, Larry Vawter, II (Tracey) Hawaii, Charles Vawter (Catalina), Topeka, Joe Vawter (Kathleen), Topeka; 14 grandchildren; sister, Jackie Hays (Bob), Topeka, brothers Mike Mader (Kathy), Centennial CO and Andy Mader, Topeka, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Karen Hill and brother-in-law, Bob Hill. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated Friday, July 25, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 2014 NW 46th St, Topeka KS 66617. Cathy donated her body to the University of Kansas Medical Center and Northwestern University for ALS (Lou Gehrig) research, private inurnment will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to Midland Hospice Care, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka KS 66606 and ALS Foundation, 6950 Squibb Rd., Suite 210, Mission KS 66202.

Tribute Wall



“ Cathy "KK" Vawter

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Larry,

My mom (Judy Phillis) told me that Cathy had passed away. I am sorry to hear that she left so early in life. You and your family are in our prayers.

Joshua and Angie Phillis

Joshua Phillis - July 25, 2008 at 05:02 PM



“ Charlie,
You and your family are in my prayers at this time.

Diane Kimmi (Skidmore) - July 25, 2008 at 01:21 PM



“ *Larry and family, My condolences to you. My friend, Cathy Vawter, is gone but definitely never forgotten. I only wish I had known her for more years than I did. She was a great friend and I love her dearly. I will miss her always. Work just has never been the same since she has been gone. May God be with each and everyone of her family members and many, many friends.*

Althea Parsons - July 23, 2008 at 11:12 AM

ST

“ Dear Larry and family, I can't even begin to tell you how sad I am that KK is gone. As you probably know, KK and I were "bestest" friends through grade school, high school, college and into adulthood. We helped each other out a lot during those many years. I have so many wonderful memories of her and how much we laughed. I am sure that Heaven is a much livlier place right now. KK and I always used to end our conversations with "Love you like a sis!" Please take care and know that I am praying for all of you.
Love you like a sis, Susie

Sue Tucker - July 22, 2008 at 10:09 PM

AM

“ What can I say about my "little" big sister that I can sum up in a few words? Some of my earliest memories of KK were scaring her and her friends with various rubber spiders, snakes, etc. I always admired her strong will and steadfast devotion. We didn't always agree, but we always left the arguments as brother and sister. I was always welcome in her home, and she put up with more from me than she ever should have had to. She was a loving wife, a protective mother, a fierce friend and the epitome of what a sister should be.

I'll miss you sis, but I can be happy in the fact that your pain is gone and you can continue to help guide my life.

I know I never said it enough, but I Love You.

A.

Andy Mader - July 22, 2008 at 07:51 PM

BJ

“ Larry and family: Our condolences to you. We knew about Cathy's illness through Phil Howell. Cathy was Bob's classmate at Mayetta High School and she was my "cheerleading buddy". She was a sweetheart and always had so much energy!!! I don't ever remember her ever saying a bad word about anybody. She passed away on Bob's birthday, he is deeply saddened, as we all are. Our sympathy and prayers are with all of you.

Bob and Donna Johnson - July 22, 2008 at 01:17 PM

HS

“ Larry and family,
Our condolences and prayers to you and your family in your time of sorrow. We will remember the fun times we had with Cathy in scouting and other activities we had together with your family. May God be with you all.

Howard & Juanita States - July 22, 2008 at 12:23 PM

LM

“ Larry & Family,

Joe & I are very sorry to hear about Cathy. She was a GREAT person and will be missed by all. May GOD be with you during this time of sorrow. With sympathy, many prayers and love. Linda L. (McAtee) & Joe Massey

Linda L. (McAtee) Massey - July 22, 2008 at 09:32 AM

PD

“ I am a physical therapist for St. Francis. I worked with Cathy at the pool. I was shocked and saddened to see her obituary this morning. I know that she thought she would have more time. She talked of the things she wanted to do. I hope that you got to go to Hawaii. I could tell from our conversations that she loved her family very much. I really enjoyed the time we had in the pool. Some patients stay in your mind and Cathy was one of those. My sympathy and prayers are with all of you.

Pat Dolton - July 22, 2008 at 08:52 AM

RD

“ Larry and family. My condolences to you and my prayers are with you. I remember working with Cathy in Scouting and enjoyed her dedication.

Reed W. Davis - July 22, 2008 at 08:10 AM