



Connie Rake

February 9, 1951 - August 7, 2006

Connie Teresa Rake, 55, Topeka, died of injuries suffered in a car accident Monday, August 7, 2006.

Connie was born February 9, 1951 in Kansas City MO, the daughter of Mark and Teresa Ronsse Heald. She graduated in 1969 from Hayden High and from Kaw Valley Technical College as an LPN in 1973. She worked at St. Francis Hospital as an LPN in Intensive Care for many years. While working full time and raising two sons, Connie earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at Washburn University in 1988. Later, she worked for 12 years in Home Health at St. Francis. She worked a total of 33 years at St. Francis and was Employee of the Year twice, once as an LPN and once as an RN. She was a loving and inspiring person who cared greatly for and enjoyed helping others. She was a wonderful daughter, wife and mother who never needed or wanted for herself, only for others.

Connie was a member of Mater Dei Catholic Parish (formerly Holy Name), Lakeview Club in Lawrence, Intravenous Nurses Society, and held many offices, including president and vice-president, in Delta Theta Chi Sorority and president and vice-president of Electra Province.

Connie will be greatly missed by her husband, Roger Rake, Topeka; two sons, John Rake, San Francisco and Jeff Rake, Topeka; parents, Mark and Teresa

Heald, Topeka; a brother, Tom Heald, and his wife, Mary, and their children Adam and Rachel, all of Topeka; sister-in-law, Sharon McDorman, and her husband, Richard Long, Topeka; nephews, James and David Paxton; and many other family members around the area and country.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where a parish rosary will be prayed at 6 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at Holy Name Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Shriners Hospitals for Children and Children's Mercy Hospital, sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Connie Rake*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I just wanted you to know how much Connie touched our lives. My son Jeff Dinkel has a severe seizure disorder and Connie came once a month in the evenings to draw his blood. Connie always brought him stickers, holiday treats, and even homeade goodies at Christmas. She came when it was the best time for him, even though she was only on call. Jeff can rarely speak and has a very difficult time communicating, but Connie taught him a hand game that he remembered how to do every time she came. It was amazing! Not only did he look forward to her coming to see him, but it meant so much to me that she was so kind to my son and myself. She made him feel special. Connie was truly a compassionate and caring woman who touched so many lives and will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Jackie Kuhn - August 23, 2006 at 05:31 PM



“ *John- I'm so deeply sorry to hear of your mother's passing. You and your family will be in my thoughts of prayers. Please take care of one another.*

Kristie Baumchen (Russell)

Kristie Baumchen (Russell) - August 10, 2006 at 03:21 PM

SS

“ My condolences go out to your family. I did not know Connie really well, but the frequent, brief visits I had with her showed me what a dynamic and loving Nurse and human being she was. I know she will be sorely missed by all who's lives she touched. Your family is in my prayers.

Stephanie Sell - August 10, 2006 at 02:49 PM

RS

“ John and Jeff, I am deeply sorry to hear about your loss. I have alot of respect for your mother because she was one of the kindest people I ever met. You have been in my thoughts these last few days and I am here for you. If you need anything don't hesitate to ask. Ryan Singer Lawrence, Ks.

Ryan Singer - August 10, 2006 at 01:19 PM

BB

“ Terry & Mark, my prayers are with you during this difficult time. Connie took care of my mom as a home health nurse and mom really enjoyed her visits. Connie was a kind and caring person, which suited her well in her career as a nurse. May God be with the two of you, as well as her husband and sons. My deepest sympathy.
Beth Blumreich (Foster)

Beth Blumreich - August 10, 2006 at 10:45 AM

TD

“ Roger & family, Our deepest sympathies at this very difficult time for you. I always enjoyed visiting with you at work. Thoughts and prayers. Tex & Connie Doebele

Tex & Connie Doebele - August 09, 2006 at 07:43 PM

KG

“ Dear Mark and Sister Terry, I lost a son six years ago in an automobile accident so I know some of what you are experiencing. My heart aches for you and all your family. If there is any way I can be of assistance, please, call on me. In Sisterly love, Kay Grant

Kay Grant - August 09, 2006 at 05:50 PM

CT

“ May God comfort you at this sad time. I'm so sorry for your loss. Connie was always a positive, compassionate woman; always ready to lend a hand, pitch in and work to provide for others. I worked with her as a den mother when Jeff and my son, Josh, were in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Oh the projects, activities, and camp outs we did! Connie had a heart to help and she loved her boys so much--she was dedicated to guiding the boys, and helping all the boys become their best selves. She was liked and admired by many people. I always appreciated her kindness and acceptance of all people, and her genuine happiness for others. She will be missed by so many people whose lives she touched. May God welcome her home--a faithful servant--who will live with the saints. Please know that you are lifted in the prayers of many who shared in love and respect for Connie.

Colleen Talley - August 09, 2006 at 04:38 PM

M(

“ Roger and family, my deepest sympathies to all of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Michelle, Rick and Jared Noble

Michelle Noble (moore) - August 09, 2006 at 10:46 AM

NC

“ *John and Jeff,*

I am very sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family during these difficult times.

*My Deepest Sympathy,
Nick Casarona
Tucson, Arizona*

Nick Casarona - August 09, 2006 at 10:12 AM

MH

“ *So sorry to hear the loss of your daughter. Hold on to your memories, and let them guide you during this time of sadness. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.*

*Judy & Leon Crider
(Phylis Price's daughter)*

Mark & Terry Heald - August 09, 2006 at 08:16 AM