



Gina Riddle Cote

November 30, 1950 - January 9, 2017

Regina Marie Riddle, 66, Topeka, passed away Monday, January 9, 2017.

Gina was born November 30, 1950, in Topeka, Kansas, the daughter of James and Regina Hurla Riddle. She attended Sacred Heart Catholic Grade School and graduated from Hayden High School in 1968. In 1970, Gina and Joe Haefele were married. They had two children together and though they divorced they remained close friends always. She married F. Peter Cote in 1988; they later divorced.

She earned her BSN degree from Washburn University in 1981 and went to work as a psychiatric nurse for Topeka State Hospital. She has been employed at Colmery-O'Neil VA Medical Center for the last 12 years. Gina loved her work and her patients; it was her calling.

Grateful to have shared her life are her children, Jim Haefele (Melissa) and Amy Haefele (Robert Wright); her grandchildren, Mercedes, Reeve and Cian; her mother, Regina Riddle; siblings, Jeanette Bullock, Tim Riddle (Chris), Marilyn Riddle, Martha Riddle and Max Riddle; Joe Haefele; aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews; and her current canine friend, Baxter. Gina was preceded in death by her father.

A celebration of Gina's life will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Kevin Brennan Family

Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where family will greet friends one hour prior to service.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Topeka Rescue Mission, Let's Help and Helping Hands Humane Society, sent in care of the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
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A Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gina Riddle Cote



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - January 12, 2017 at 03:56 PM



“ Gina Riddle Cote

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ So sorry to hear of this great loss. My dogs and I always enjoyed talking to Gina on Friday nights at the VA when we came to visit the residents and staff. We will really miss her.



Carolyn Buono - January 20, 2017 at 08:04 PM

JD

“ So sad to hear about Gina's passing. I went to school with her from third grade through high school. She was such a sweet lady with a smile on her face. The last few years we would talk about something we had in common. Our eldest sons traveled the world, and Gina enjoyed some exciting trips while getting to see her granddaughters. I will miss talking to her and learning about her next adventure. It's strange. Gina always asked me how I was feeling. I never dreamed she would be the one leaving us so soon. As I live in Arizona, I will not be able to attend her services. I have been thinking of Gina and saying prayers for her family.

Judy Graham Dubiel - January 13, 2017 at 02:54 PM

MR

“ Gina and family: I was shocked and saddened to hear about Gina Marie's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Heaven has gained another beautiful soul.

Marla Rhoden

Marla Rhoden - January 12, 2017 at 11:21 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gina Riddle Cote.



January 12, 2017 at 07:35 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gina Riddle Cote.*



January 12, 2017 at 12:11 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time. I am so sorry to hear this sad news. I had met Gina when we took graduate classes together and then had the opportunity to work with her for several years. Gina was always a positive influence both spiritually and professionally. We loved talking about our kids and grandchildren together. We confided in each other many times and her friendship was always trusted and cherished. I believe her life was meant to be giving to those who needed her in whatever capacity and she did!!!*

Joan Tucker

Joan Tucker - January 11, 2017 at 08:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gina Riddle Cote.*



January 11, 2017 at 04:31 PM

GR

“ It saddens me to learn that Gina has made her transition at such a young age. She was a wonderful friend in high school and after and she will be missed by many including me.

Greg Rupert

Greg Rupert - January 11, 2017 at 03:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Gina Riddle Cote.



January 11, 2017 at 09:45 AM

CH

“ *I was a classmate of Gina's at Hayden, and she always had a great smile. Thoughts and prayers to her family during this very sad time.*

Cheryl McCrite

cheryl - January 11, 2017 at 06:45 AM

SE

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers to all of Gina's family and many friends. Her smile was contagious and always present. I first met Gina in the Fall of 1964. It was the first day of school at Hayden, and being a freshman from out of town, I knew no one. I must have looked lost and confused , Gina came up to me,introduced herself, helped me find my locker and my first classroom. A big heart and a warm smile, she was always willing to help others in need. She also introduced me to my bride of 45 years, Cheri Neider. We will miss her. Steve Eck*

Steve Eck - January 10, 2017 at 07:21 PM