



Lois McFarland

January 1, 1753 - June 19, 2009

Lois A. McFarland, 51, of Topeka, passed away Wed., June 17, 2009, at Stormont Vail Health Care. She was born Aug. 8, 1957, in Atchison, the daughter of Richard E. and Mary Ellen (Murphy) McFarland. Lois received her Bachelor's Degree in English in 1979 from St. Mary College in Leavenworth, Ks. Upon graduation, she worked for the Kansas Dept. of Social and Rehabilitation Services before moving to Houston. She taught second and third grades as well as elementary ESL in the Houston area and in the Auburn-Washburn School District from 1993 to 2002. Lois will be remembered for her love of reading and travel. In her later years, she enjoyed volunteering with her care home, Atria Hearthstone, knitting and playing word games. Survivors include a daughter, Courtney Grimes of Lawrence; a brother, Bruce McFarland of St. Joseph, Mo; three sisters, Karen Shufflebarger of Topeka, Colette Haugsness of Atchison; Paula Higley of Topeka; and many nieces and nephews. Lois was preceded in death by her parents. Lois will lie in state after 9 a.m., Friday, June 19, 2009, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 S.W. Urish Rd., Topeka, KS 66614. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with burial to follow at 1 p.m. at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Atchison. Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation and sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lois McFarland*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I read Lois's obituary with great sadness. I have very fond memories of Lois from St. Benedict's. Lois, Mary Jane Schuler and myself had many laughs walking home together after school each day. I still have the holy cards that we traded in our early elementary days. I will always treasure those fun times we had. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Ruth Hildman Thompson - July 20, 2009 at 03:18 PM



“ *You are all in my thoughts and prayers...God Bless
Theresa Chew*

Theresa Chew - July 02, 2009 at 10:15 AM



“ *I received the email from Cathy Murphy with the news of Lois's passing. It has taken me awhile to respond - I didn't know what to say and I'm not sure I still do. I want the family to know they are in my prayers. I hope the fond memories of Lois will ease your sorrow.*

Barbara Hoffman Cugno

Barbara Hoffman Cugno - June 28, 2009 at 09:24 PM