



Maleia Christie

May 18, 1955 - April 18, 2006

Maleia Margaret Christie, 50, Topeka, passed away Tuesday, April 18, 2006.

She was born May 18, 1955, in Meriden to Michael and Martine Leiker Penning.

Maleia graduated from Hayden High School in 1973. She married Dirk Christie and they later divorced.

She worked for Blue Cross Blue Shield as a Medicare post pay specialist for 32 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, David and Timothy Penning, and sister, Pamela Miller. She leaves to cherish her memory, son, Michael Christie, Lawrence; daughter, Rhiannon Christie, Topeka; sister, Diane Willingham, Topeka; father and mother-in-law, Wayne and Pat Christie, Topeka; several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held 7:00 p.m. Thursday at Holy Name Catholic Church, visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Private inurnment will take place at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Helping Hands Humane Society and Heart of America Hospice sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka, KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *Maleia Christie*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *To Maleia's Family. Hello, my name is Kim Jordan and I am Maleia's first cousin. My mother, Lorraine, is Martina's youngest sister. My mother is in a nursing home in Florida and I told her what happened to Maleia. I am so very sorry to hear that she died and I send my prayers for her journey to God. I was close to Maleia when we were children; she and Diane and my sister, Debi and I played together on and off throughout our childhood and I have many fond memories of staying with them at their home. We had lots of fun and I remember those days like yesterday. I have not seen Maleia since the early 1980s and I never met her children, but I did meet her husband. Please know that you are all in my prayers. Love, from Kim Jordan, Cottonwood, Idaho.*

Kim Jordan - April 23, 2006 at 12:08 AM



“ *To Dirk & Dirk & Maleia's Family & Loved Ones: My sincerest hope for your comfort & strength during this really trying time. May God's Peace be with Maleia & all of you, always.*

Susan Hefner Lenhart - April 19, 2006 at 01:30 PM

“ Hello to Dear Maleia's Family. Maleia was a really good grade school friend of mine at Assumption Grade School & one of my best friends at Hayden, Class of '73. My Dad was very strict with me & my 4 sisters & we didn't get to go & do nearly as much as Maleia did so we didn't run around that way much except to all the games, etc. but Maleia & I were still pretty close all the way through. Unfortunately, I have not seen or talked to her since maybe a year after graduation although I have thought of her many times & have even thought of trying to call her & visit but, you know how it is, I unfortunately, never did.

We used to go over to the Assumption Priest's Rectory after (grade) school alot & talk to her Mom while she (her Mom) was fixing supper for the Priests. I saw my 1st color television set & picture with Maleia over at the Rectory & I remember us (me, Maleia & her Mother) standing in the doorway of the TV room there & watching a Space Capsule landing in the ocean...we were so amazed...it was a really big deal!

Anyway, she & Diane were the Penning Girls & I & my 4 sisters were the Hefner Girls. Diane was in my oldest sister Carol Ann's class. I do remember one time that we all went horseback riding together.

I remember when she first started dating Dirk in high school ... they were a really hot item!! They brought me home after the High School Graduation Party at Tom Grace's house before they headed on up to the other party at Lake Perry.

I did not know of any illness, etc. that Maleia might have had before her passing but I send my fond memories, my sincerest sympathy & my prayers & best wishes for Maleia & her Family.

Love, Susan Hefner Lenhart, Clifton, KS

Susan Hefner Lenhart - April 19, 2006 at 01:24 PM