



Jolene LaVaun Smith

October 26, 1966 - November 7, 2022

Jolene LaVaun Smith, 56, was born October 26, 1966, to Lois (Bechtol) and John Smith in Des Moines, Iowa. She passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family on November 7, 2022, in Johnston, Iowa.

Jolene struggled with health issues most of her life. After being diagnosed with cancer as a teenager she courageously won that battle and went on to have a happy healthy life until the age of 26 when she was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis which would cause a series of health issues throughout the rest of her life. Jolene was a fighter though and never let the RA slow her down. Jolene had a love for the outdoors, going fishing and collecting rocks. If you told her she shouldn't do something she would try twice as hard to do that and live as normal life as possible. Just 12 days before her passing she was determined to have a wonderful birthday and despite being very weak grabbed her cane and spent the day walking and exploring beautiful Colorado with Peggy and Al Henry. In the months leading up to her passing it was important to her to leave good memories and momentous to those she cared about dearly, and the memories made with her will never be forgotten.

Jolene is survived by her sisters, Denise Johnson, and Renee Smith; brother, John (Wanda) Smith; aunt, Iva Mae Hevern; nieces and nephews, John Smith, Jenni Horvath, Amber Kuehler and Stephanie Reeves; and several great nieces and nephews and dear friends, Peggy and Al Henry.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lois and John Smith, and her dog, Levi.

She has been cremated and a graveside service will be in the spring of 2023. Check back for further information.

Tribute Wall

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“ Jolene~

Wow....My heart is so Broken as I didn't even know you were sick!! I so remember Jr. High and hanging out with you!! Good Times for me to remember!! You will be missed!! 🌸❤️🦋🙏

Tina Renteria-Grant - November 09, 2022 at 07:54 PM

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As sister-in-law to her sister Denise, Jolene always made me feel welcome and we had wonderful talks together. Jolene was a beautiful person inside and out. Rest now, you are out of pain.

Linda Hill - November 10, 2022 at 01:24 PM