

Katherine Ann (Kat) Gaul, 52

March 18, 1966 - June 24, 2018

OMAHA, NE – Katherine Ann (Kat) Gaul was born March 18, 1966 to Garry and Grace (Chamberlain) Gaul in Harlan. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. She graduated from Harlan Community School with the class of 1984.

After high school, Kathy lived at home and worked at CDS in Harlan. She moved to Omaha, NE in 1990 and attended Iowa Western Community College earning her associates degree. She pursued

a degree in biology and pre-veterinary medicine graduating from UNO with a B.S. of Science. Upon graduation, Kathy found employment at Sitel Corporation as an inbound telemarketer. In 1999, she was hired at Mutual of Omaha in the Medicare department which was later acquired by WPS. Kathy had a strong work ethic and gave herself to her job working countless hours of overtime and taking on special projects. She went above and beyond, taking pride in everything she did.

Kathy was very creative. She loved to write both poetry and short stories. From the time she was little, she was very artistic and loved to draw and paint. She frequently drew animals, in particular horses as this was a love of hers. Her passion for art continued into her adulthood at which time she extended her artistic love to photography. This was evident by the number of pictures she had on her phone as well as her Facebook. Kathy loved macro-photography often using her artist eye to capture the most minute details that others frequently missed. Kathy was an avid reader and loved to go to movies. She also spent countless hours during sleepless nights on Pinterest adding to her numerous "boards".

Kathy loved to joke and make people laugh. Her sense of humor was somewhat sarcastic and "over the top". She took great joy in playing pranks on friends and coworkers and strived to make people blush. Kathy shared memes and jokes via messenger and texts with everyone. Her humor was her weapon and her protection. Beneath her outward humor, she was really a shy person. She loved deeply. When she let a person inside her protective walls, they were in her "family". Kathy's life revolved around her love for her family, friends and especially her cats. She loved her nieces and nephews as well as her friends' children as her own kids. Kathy was selfless, compassionate and generous with everyone she loved and even those she barely knew or had just met.

Katherine died on Sunday, June 24, 2018 at Buffet Cancer Center in Omaha, NE attaining the age of 52 years, three months and six days. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, fur babies Tango, Tasha, KC, Mia and nephew, Eric.

She is survived by her fur babies: Lily, Lucifer and Luna; sisters: Laurie Dunlap and significant other Bruce Laramée of Narragansett, RI and Kristine Gaul and fiancé Thomas Kurtz, Sr. of Portsmouth; siblings of the heart; Eric (Jami) Andersen, Amy Butcher and Tonya Goeser; nieces and nephews: Jake, Kaili, Sophia, Serena, Thomas, Jr. and Secilia; great-niece: Berklyee; aunts, uncles and countless friends and loved ones.

A 10:30 AM Memorial Service was held on Saturday, June 30, 2018 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan, Iowa officiated by Rev. Bob Chamberlain. Honorary urn bearers were Eric Andersen, Brad Hemmingsen, Thomas Kurtz, Sr., Thomas Kurtz, Jr., John Nelsen, Jim Gaul, Amy Butcher and Angie Gaul. Inurnment was held at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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