

Sue Swain, 63

April 3, 1941 - Sept. 19, 2004

EXCELSIOR, MN — Sue Kay Conrad Swain was born in Harlan to Deloris (Bristol) and Alvin Conrad April 3, 1941. She attended Harlan Community Schools graduating in 1959. She graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in applied art with a focus on interior design and textiles. After graduation from the university, she worked for Brandeis Department Stores as an assistant buyer. In recent times, she was an entrepreneur in partnership with Jan Gray and they represented Doncaster, a clothier specializing in women's business attire.

Sue married Ron Swain in Harlan in 1964. She was a 35-year member of Eden Prairie Presbyterian Church of Eden Prairie MN, and served as a deacon, elder, chair and member of the many committees, choir member and carver at the Pig Roast for the congregation. She participated in mission trips to Mexico and participated weekly in a Cursillo Renewal Group and served on staff for Cursillo weekends. She traveled with EPPIC Ministries as a chaperone across the USA and into Europe. During the last 10 years, she faced her greatest challenge with an ongoing battle with cancer. She was a golfer, a tennis player and a downhill skier. She died at her home in Excelsior, MN, Sept. 19, 2004, at age 63.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Deloris (Bristol) Conrad. She is survived by her husband, Ron Swain; sons, Eric Swain (Rachel) of Bedford, England and Jason Swain of Minneapolis, MN; three grandchildren, Aidan, Olivia and Dylan of Bedford, England; her father, Alvin Conrad of Harlan; her four brothers, David (Nancy) Conrad of San Marcos, CA; Delmer (Janette) Conrad of Harlan; Randy (Sandy) Conrad and Mark Conrad of Harlan; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Burial was in Eden Prairie Cemetery of Eden Prairie, MN.