



Jill Diane Ballentine

June 9, 1960 - June 28, 2011

Jill Diane Ballentine, age 51, of Versailles, passed away Tuesday, June 28, 2011, at her home. She was born June 9, 1960, in Aurora, Colorado, the daughter of John and Joann Kieselbach Franks.

On November 9, 2006, in Camden County, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Dave Ballentine, Jr., who survives.

Jill attended the Family Worship Center in Versailles.

In addition to her husband Dave, she is survived by her son, Tommy Gratto of Kansas City, Missouri; her father, John Franks of Sun City, Arizona; her brother, Jay Franks and wife Nancy of Littleton, Colorado; and many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her mother, Joann Franks.

There are no memorial services planned at this time.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Jill -- so many of my memories are of you as a little girl since there's a 12 year age difference between us. Ones that come to mind are playing at Grandma & Grandpa Kieselbach's house in Owatonna -- their large bedroom with the slippery linoleum floor (perfect for sliding), trips to Morehouse and Mineral Springs parks (with the huge "snake" slide). But for me, the one that bridges our age difference was when I had just gone from the court to receive my divorce, got on a plane to Denver (1st plane ride!) to stay with Uncle John, Aunt Jo, Jay and you for a week to get used to being single again. I shared a bedroom with you (slept in the trundle part of your bed) and we would talk and giggle just before falling asleep. You must have been about 13 at the time and just transitioning into being a teenage. It is just a really sweet memory and one I'll cherish forever.*



Now, however, you are with people who are ready to embrace you and welcome you into their arms -- your Mom, Uncle Bob and Aunt Gerrie, Grandma and Grandpa Kieselbach and the other friends and relatives who have gone before you. We will count you as one of our "angels" and know that you will be well taken care of. I'm sorry we let you get so disconnected from us and we'll try to do a better job of staying in touch with Tommy and Jay.

Be at peace and with love, Kathy

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