



Marilyn Jane McKenna Gehrlein Jenkins

November 22, 2007

Marilyn Jane McKenna Gehrlein Jenkins passed away Thursday, November 22, 2007, in Laurie, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was 70 years old.

Marilyn was born on September 30, 1937, in Providence, Rhode Island, the daughter of Russell and Viola Troening McKenna. She graduated from high school in Warwick, Rhode Island in 1955, and attended Brown University in Providence. She was married to Ed Gehrlein for 22 years and they had four children. She was married to Billy Jenkins for 24 years; they made their home at the Lake of the Ozarks for the past 20 years.

Marilyn loved cooking, gardening, reading, crossword puzzles, and animals, especially birds. She worked for many years as a medical records technician and medical secretary in Kansas City and in the lake area. She also volunteered throughout her life as a Sunday school teacher, Girl Scout leader, Cub Scout den mother, camp counselor, and swimming instructor. Marilyn was a wonderful daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She was a beautiful, smart, and talented woman, and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She leaves behind her beloved husband Billy Jenkins of Gravois Mills, Missouri; one brother Russell McKenna and wife Cathy of Sequim,

Washington; son Russell Gehrlein and wife Linda of Rolla, Missouri; daughter Linda Palmer and husband Brent of Lee's Summit, Missouri; son Bruce Gehrlein and wife Debbie of Wilton, Connecticut; daughter Kathy Shelby and husband David of Iola, Kansas; step-son Gary Hensley and wife Gail of Edwards, Missouri; step-son Larry Jenkins and wife Bridget of Humansville, Missouri; step-daughter Kim Wilson and husband Mack of Louisburg, Missouri; step-son Tony Jenkins and wife Jackie of Plattsburg, Missouri; step-daughter Tamra Jenkins of Camdenton, Missouri; step-son Matthew Jenkins and wife Tabby of Belvidere, Illinois; thirteen grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, November 29, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Laurie with the Reverends David Shelby and Larry Jenkins officiating. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 28, at the funeral home. Interment will be held at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, in Crestview Memorial Gardens in Bolivar, Missouri. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Audubon Society. To send online condolences to the family, visit, www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.