



Mary Ellen Koppi

June 15, 2007

Mary Ellen left us on June 15, 2007 after a 16 month battle with Ovarian Cancer. She passed in her own home in the company of close family members. She was game to the end and after a full and varied lifetime. Mary Ellen was a Registered Nurse having practiced in Iowa, North Dakota, Washington, Alabama, Louisiana, Nevada, and lastly on Johnston Island in the western Pacific Ocean. She resided nearly 7 years in Saudi Arabia and was a world traveler.

Mary Ellen (McDonald/Koppi) was born in Independence, Iowa and married in St. John's Catholic Church in Independence.

She was preceded in death by her father, Mick, mother Celia, brother Rick, sister Mary Clarence, all of the McDonald side and by her youngest son, Patrick.

She is survived by her husband, Ridgway, daughters Debora and Mary Kathleen, sons Michael, Paul, James & Timothy, 18 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and a brother John McDonald.

Mary Ellen was active in the Ivy Bend Community Fire Department Auxiliary for a dozen years, and aided in the founding of the First Responders in Ivy Bend, and was selected as the Outstanding Citizen of the Year for the Ivy

Bend Fest in 2002. She was a consistent bowler, a proud basketball player, and was especially good at chess and poker. She sang in the choir, played the piano and organ, and was a practicing Mom, Grand Mom, Great Grand Mom, dog lover and friend - she was loved and is missed.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 21, at the Shrine of Saint Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie, with Rev. Father C.D. Ryan officiating. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie-Sunrise Beach Chapel in Laurie, with a Rosary at 7:30 p.m. Interment will be in the St. Patrick Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Michael Koppi, Paul Koppi, James Koppi, Timothy Koppi, John McDonald, and Patrick Koppi. To send sympathy condolences online visit www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Laurie.