

Havensville, KS

HAVENSVILLE – Melissa Jeanne (Simkins) Wright, 42, of Havensville, KS passed away Friday, July 20, 2012 at Community Hospital Onaga. She was born December 7, 1969 in Holton, KS, the daughter of Ivan Lee and Saundra Kaye (Sauvage) Simkins.

Melissa graduated from St. Marys High School in 1988. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Education at Washburn University and Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education at Emporia State University. Melissa was a Pre-School Teacher at Onaga Schools and worked for the Holton Coop.

Melissa was a member of the Havensville Christian Church and was actively involved with her son's baseball team as scorekeeper and working concessions for Soldier Ball Association and an active member of her community.

She married Shannon Wright on January 24, 1998; they were later divorced.

Melissa is survived by her sons, Jordan Dale and Peyton John Wright both of the home; her mother, Saundra Kaye Simkins of Havensville, KS; 2 brothers, Brian Simkins and his wife Tami of Belvue, KS and Brent Simkins of Havensville, KS; her grandfather, Eugene Sauvage of Havensville, KS; 2 nieces, Brianna and Caitlyn and 2 nephews, Colby and Cooper.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ivan Simkins; her grandmothers, Betty Sauvage and Mary Bowers and her grandfather, Willie Simkins.

Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 26, 2012 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Interment will be in the Havensville Cemetery. Family will greet friends from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Wednesday evening at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to Jordan and Peyton's Educational Fund c/o Mercer Funeral Home P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, visit [www.mercerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhomes.com).