

Atchison, KS



Norleen L. Martin, of Atchison, formerly of Sparks, surrounded by family, passed away Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at the home of her daughter. She was 66.

A Celebration of her life is planned for 11 a.m. Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at the George Ogden Building on the Iowa Reservation at White Cloud. Burial will follow at Tesson Cemetery.

The family will meet with friends one hour prior to services.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Norleen Martin Memorial Fund to be sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, 124 S 7th St., Hiawatha 66434, who is assisting the family with arrangements.

“Mema” as to how she was known by family, was born November 14, 1952, at St. Joseph, MO, the youngest of three children. Her biological father was Buck Banks who remained in her life through the years. She was adopted and raised by Robert and Georgia Jeschke Dawe. She grew up at Sparks and attended Highland Schools, graduating high school with the class of 1970. She worked various offices jobs including through the years including the Iowa Tribe, and a para professional with the Atchison School District.

She was a member of the Iowa Tribe of White Cloud. She led a simple life, was a stay at home MOM, couldn’t get enough of her grandchildren, loved piano music, her remote with her TV, favorite shows being Food Network, and Ghost Hunters. She loved decorating and celebrating the holidays, with Christmas being her favorite.

Norleen married Robert Martin July 13, 1984. Even though they divorced, Robert remained in Norleen’s life.

Survivors include her son Robert Martin, II, daughters Jesse Kempin (Jeff), all of Atchison, Angela Doro of Topeka, sister Linda Beck of Hiawatha, grandchildren: Deon Doro, Troy May, Iquajanae Jackson, Bubba Jackson, Cole Kempin, Caleb Kempin, Lucas Kempin, Keira Martin, and Jase Martin.

She was preceded in death by her parents, biological father, and brother Donald.

A special note or remembrance may be sent to the family at www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com