

Holton, KS



Connie Jean Kautz, 67, of Holton, KS, passed away Monday, January 29, 2024 at The University of Kansas St. Francis Campus. She was born April 7, 1956 in Horton, KS, the daughter of Harvey Lee and Eudene (Monaghan) Behrnes.

Connie graduated from Horton High School in 1974. She attended Atchison Technical College and later earned her Registered Nursing Degree.

She was an RN for over 20 years at Holton Family Practice alongside Dr. Terry Harter and Dr. Joel Hutchins. Connie worked in multiple facilities, including, Hospice, nursing homes, rehab. Currently she was a Transfer Nurse for The University of Kansas Health System St. Francis Campus.

Connie married the love of her life, Ronald E. Kautz, on August 16, 1974 in Horton, KS. They celebrated over 49 years of marriage.

Survivors include her husband, Ron of the home; daughters, Heather Conger of Onaga, KS and Heidi Tangen (Dan) of Horton, KS; sons, Kolt Kautz and Timmy Reed both of Holton, KS; brother, Gary Behrnes (Jean) of Horton, KS; sister, Karen Vanderweide (Vincent) of Atchison, KS; 18 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren with one on the way and numerous “adopted” daughters, sons and grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Harvey and Eudene Behrnes; a son, Kody Dean Kautz; a sister, Alice Uber, and a brother, Alvin Behrnes

Funeral Service will be 1:00 p.m. Friday, February 2, 2024 at the Whiting Community Building. Burial will follow at Springhill Cemetery at Whiting. Family will greet friends from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Thursday, February 1, 2024 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Memorials may be given to Kod 4 Kids c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.