



Nancy Kay Gottula

August 24, 1949 - October 28, 2011

Nancy Kay Gottula, 62, died suddenly at her residence in Thermopolis on Friday, Oct. 28, 2011.

Born Aug. 24, 1949, at Hilltop Hospital in Thermopolis, she was the daughter of Robert A. and Joyce E. (Nelson) Richardson. Following kindergarten, the family moved to Bozeman, Mont., where Nancy attended school through seventh grade. The family returned to Thermopolis where she graduated from Hot Springs County High School in 1968.

She attended airline school in Kansas City, Mo., later working in San Diego, Calif., where she met her husband, Ronald Dean Gottula. They married on her 21st birthday in Cody. The couple moved to Thermopolis where she was a full-time mom, also working at Granny's Donut and Ice Cream, assisting at Richardson's Plumbing and later working at her son-in-law's café, Pumpernicks.

A caretaker to her entire family, she also was a Cub Scout and Girl Scout leader, volunteer for Head Start and Meals on Wheels. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi and Community Federated Church, where she taught Sunday School and was a youth group leader. She also was a member of a bowling league. An avid Bobcat fan, her interests included scrapbooking, family genealogy, keeping up with family via Facebook, yard work, baking, cooking and babysitting grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband; mother, of Thermopolis; sons, Rob (Rebecca) Gottula of Billings, Mont., and Jared (Crystal) Gottula of Laramie; daughter, Amber (Wesley) Meier of Thermopolis; brother Dennis (Gala) Richardson of Santa Rosa, Calif., nine grandchildren; and a nephew and niece.

She was preceded in death by her father; grandparents; and brother, Eric.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 4 at Community Federated Church with burial to follow at Monument Hill Cemetery. A viewing will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3 at Mortimore Funeral Home. No viewing will be held at the service. People are welcome to share their stories at a noon luncheon.