



Loretta J. Whitham

April 16, 1947 - September 8, 2017

Loretta J. (Anderson) Whitham, age 70, died peacefully on September 8, 2017, surrounded by family after her battle with cancer. Loretta was born on April 16, 1947, in Clay Center, KS to Lars and Velda B. (Evans) Anderson. Loretta graduated from Morganville High School in 1965. Loretta went to cosmetology school in Manhattan, KS after high school and worked as a cosmetologist until her retirement in 2010. Loretta's pride and joy was her family, which included her children, Jennifer L. (Demetrius Littlejohn) Smith of Wichita, KS and Troy (Jacqueline Penny) Smith of Peculiar, MO; and her grandchildren, Myron (Melda) Saunders, Nikita Saunders, Ke'shawn Saunders, Trevon Saunders, Myneeka Saunders, Jazmin Hardwell, and Derell Hardwell all of Wichita, KS as well as Sydney and Kaiden Brown of Peculiar, MO; and 13 great-grandchildren whom adored her.

Loretta was preceded in death by her parents, two great-grandchildren and her husband of 15 years, Roger Whitham. Due to her relationship with Roger, Loretta was lucky enough to get to know and love Joyce Whitham and Torrie (Meloy) Taylor as well as the entire Whitham family.

Throughout her life Loretta met a lot of people and came to call many of them friends. To know Loretta was to love her. Loretta's life was a testament to love, acceptance, laughter and grace. Loretta had a witty sense of humor and she

loved to have fun. A lot of her time was spent following her favorite sports teams, specifically the Kansas City Royals baseball team and the Kansas City Chiefs football team.

The celebration of her life will be held at the Firefighters' Union Hall at 302 S. Pacific Avenue, Independence, MO 64050, on Sunday, September 17, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. A private graveside service will follow at a later date in Morganville, KS.

Tribute Wall

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“ I had the pleasure of knowing Loretta as she work at my beauty shop until I retired. She and her husband were great people and Loretta was one of the sweetest lady's anyone could know. We had a lot of fun and I was Blessed when our paths crossed. I am so sorry for all of the children and their families as I know you will miss her dearly. Your Mom and Grandma was a neat lady, friend and I'm glad we shared time together. God Bless all you. Pat (Gordon) Lash.

patricia gordon lash - September 13, 2017 at 07:11 PM

 Crystal Anderson

“ During football season we would always banter but always ending every insult with I love you. Blessed to have met you and even more blessed to be called daughter by you. Sending love from Alabama from Crystal and Nita.

Crystal Anderson - September 13, 2017 at 11:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Loretta J. Whitham.



September 13, 2017 at 08:16 AM



“ Aunt Jeannie is the only Aunt on my mothers side as she was moms only sibling. I grew up with her helping me with everything. She is only 11 years older then I so we were like sisters. From the days of watching her hide her cigarette butts in the laundry soap so grandma wouldn't catch her. To teaching me the words to "Splish splash, I was taking a bath". To being her victim to home perms and coloring my hair . Making tomato soup smothered hamburgers with mac an cheese from a box. To eating my eggs on toast and peanuts in my pepsi. I will miss her calling me on every birthday. Telling ne she loved me and her hugs. I love you Aunt Jeannie your oldest niece Debbie Ann.

Deb Luthi - September 12, 2017 at 10:02 PM

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Thanks for making me cry Deb! I know she loved you dearly.

Troy Smith - September 14, 2017 at 08:27 PM