

Cathy Rodes

Alton | Tuesday, April 26 2016

Cathy June Rodes went to be with her lord and savior Jesus Christ Tuesday April 26, 2016. She was 68. Cathy's friends and family were at her bedside at the time of her passing [at 9:39pm](#). She was under the care of Vitas Hospice who did an excellent job making her feel comfortable and pain free. Cathy was born on December 16, 1947 in South Bend Indiana, and was the daughter of the late Robert and Dorothy(Todd) Place. Cathy spent her childhood in South Bend until she and her siblings moved with their mother to Alton, IL as a teenager, after her parent's divorce. On June 16, 1973 she married Charles F. Rodes Jr. And he proceeded her in death on July 30, 1999. Cathy was a very caring, loving and giving person especially towards her closest friends and family, and was always there to lend a helping hand. For 37 years she worked with individuals who were developmentally disabled, mentally retarded, and mentally ill. She worked for Beverly Farms Foundation for 10 years, then was offered a position as a Case Manager at Challenge Unlimited where she worked there for 24 years. After her years at Challenge Unlimited, Cathy wanted to try something new, so she was offered a position as a Life Skills Instructor for Centerstone formerly known as Wellspring Resources, and was employed there for 3 years until she retired. Cathy was very passionate about her job and would always go above and beyond her job duties just to make things extra special for those individuals. Cathy enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, especially her beloved Manx cats who brought joy and comfort in her life. Cathy was very much interested in learning about her family's history and was into genealogy. Cathy loved going on vacations especially down to Branson, Missouri, Lake of the Ozarks and Walt Disney World. She is survived by her sister and brother, and their spouses. Mike and Cindy Conrad of St. Charles, MO and Todd and Sharon Place of Victor, Idaho. She is also survived by her daughter Amy Rodes of Alton, IL along with her 3 nephews and two nieces, Christopher Conrad, Katie Johnston and her husband Ryan both of Fort Lauderdale, FL, Adam Place of



Jackson Hole, WY and his sister Chloe of Scottsdale, AZ, and David Place and his wife Michelle of Chicago IL. Cathy also had two great nephews, Ansell Johnston son of Ryan and Katie Johnston, and Ryan Place son of David and Michelle Place. Cathy was a wonderful friend, mother, sister, cousin and to others whose lives she touched. Cathy was also preceded in death by a brother Robert B. Place Jr. In December of 1994. There will be a Memorial Service held at the Atrium Hotel [on May 21, 2016 from 11:00am to 3:00pm](#). to celebrate the life of Cathy. The burial service will be private, with no visitation. Rev. George H. Humbert Jr. will be officiating the memorial service. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com