



# Jenny Oates

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Jenny Renee Oates, 59, died at 11:50 p.m., Thursday, September 30, 2010 at Alton Memorial Hospital after a brave battle with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.



She was born in Alton on April 14, 1951, one of three children born to James P. and Barbara June (Schmittag) Oates. Jenny graduated with the Class of 1969 from Jersey Community High School, and was currently employed as an executive secretary with Blue Cross Blue Shield in downtown St. Louis. She loved to fish, spend time outdoors, work with stained glass, and recently acquired a love of making jewelry. Above all else she was a loving mother, best friend and staunch supporter of her daughter who will miss her deeply, Lori Brown of Alton.

She is also survived by her mother, Barbara June Oates of Jerseyville; a brother & sister in law, James R. & Ruth Ann Oates of Jerseyville; a brother in law, James Benedict of Jerseyville; five nieces & nephews along with their spouses, Gary & Kim Benedict of Lake Ozark, Mo., Michelle & Dave Ewen of Grafton, Marianne & Tony Bowers of Jerseyville, Lisa Oates, and her fiancé Justin Huett of Jerseyville, and JD and Tiffany Oates of Jerseyville. She was preceded in death by her father, James P. Oates on March 19, 1979; and a sister, Connie Lea Benedict on Aug. 2, 2010. Per her request, her body has been cremated. A Memorial visitation will take place from 4 p.m. Monday until time of memorial services at 7 p.m. at the Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville. Rev. Tim Hotchkiss will officiate. Memorials may be given to Strader Rehabilitation, an organization that has always been there when Jenny & Lori needed them.