

## Michelle Lea Berry

**East Alton | Saturday, September 20 2014**

Michelle Lea Berry, 48, passed away peacefully, with her significant other by her side, September 20, 2014 at her home.

Born in Okinawa, Japan, she held dual citizenship, and if a comment was made about her short stature, she would jokingly tell you about it.

She enjoyed being an "army brat" and experienced the comradery of her peers while living on a military base. She was known for her easy-going and joking attitude and as the 'Taco Queen' at the Wood River Jack in the Box, where she worked.

She enjoyed vacationing in Denmark and Spain and nearly every country in between. Her favorite place has always been Carr Canyon in the Huachuca Mountains near Sierra Vista.

Michelle was the youngest daughter of Richard and Connie Berry of Sierra Vista, AZ.

Surviving in addition to her parents are her significant other, Richard Bowling of East Alton; three daughter and their significant others, whom she was a best friend to, Susie (Jon) Thaxton of Tucson, AZ, Christina (Deaner) Emerick of Watertown, SD, Candace Studebaker of East Alton; eight grandchildren, Lane and Rylyn Boisture of Tucson, AZ, Gennifer, Ronnie, Cevin and Simon Emerick of Watertown, SD, Michael Studebaker and Matthew Bauridl of East Alton; sister, Lynda (John) Hogue of Sierra Vista, AZ; brother, Carl (Chris) Berry of Michigan; and numerous other family members and friends across the country who love and miss her dearly.

A Memorial Service has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, October 4 at Marks Mortuary in Wood River. A lantern release will take place at dusk at Gordon Moore Park in Alton

