## Life of Christie Lee Mein

Christie Lee Mein, born Strauss, of lowa Falls, lowa, passed away peacefully on February 26, 2019. Christie was born on October 9, 1948, to Harold Dean Strauss and Dolores Ann Strauss (Christensen) of lowa Falls. She married Richard Mein and later divorced. Christie moved from lowa and lived much of her adult life in the Chicago, Illinois, area, returning to her birthplace of lowa Falls in 2006. She spent much of her early life as a devoted mother and young entrepreneur, managing the Shell service stations she co-owned for many years. Later in life, she became a Certified Nursing Assistant and dedicated herself to helping sick patients working primarily with those who had experienced a stroke.

Christie had a love of the outdoors, nature, the woods, horses, dogs, pigs, art, and was an avid reader. Word puzzles, games, conversations with loved ones, and her cherished books comforted her.

She is survived by her son, James Mein of Indiana; daughter, Cathleen Mein of Illinois; her sisters, Jacqlyn Campbell and Dianne Henrichs, both of Iowa Falls, Iowa; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Dolores Strauss; grandparents, Paul and Pearl Strauss and William and Clara Christensen; and several additional relatives and friends.

## **More About Christie**

Christie touched the lives of the countless people she encountered throughout her life. One time, Christie was driving and saw a young woman running in fear. She stopped and found out the woman had been raped and was running from the perpetrators. Christie assisted the woman by taking her to the police and getting her medical care. She even testified at the trial of the perpetrators regarding their evil acts.

We have comfort that Christie is no longer suffering and is in a better place. Her love, her laugh, and her way of finding humor in small things give us consolation. We look forward to the day we will all be reunited with her in paradise.