

Gaugh, Neita Ann (Long) | 1954-2017

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Neita Gaugh

Neita Ann Gaugh, 63, of Decatur, died Thursday, June 29, 2017, in Decatur.

Celebration of life will be held at a later date in Decatur and Overland Park, Kan.

Neita was born Feb. 17, 1954, in Maryville, Mo. to Harry and Jaunita (Kenny) Long. She worked for 20 years for Overland Park Parks and Forestry in Kansas as a horticulturist. Neita was an eight year ovarian cancer survivor who fought until the very end. She was fiercely loyal, honest and beautifully blunt – sometimes painfully so. She was always able to find the humor in every situation and made you see it also. Her infectious laughter and large smile will never be forgotten and missed by all who knew her. Neita's spirit was bright when she was creating beautiful gardens, basking in the sun or surrounded by those she loved.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her daughters, Ashlee Bohn and husband, Cary, of Decatur and Mackenzie Atkins and husband, Jeremy, of Kansas; 10 grandchildren; and friends.