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Sherry Lynette Hamilton, age 47, of Waupaca, WI, passed away on Wednesday, August 26, 2009, at Cherry Meadows Hospice in Appleton, WI, after a 2-1/2 year battle with uterine cancer. Sherry was born on May 5, 1962, in Rice Lake, WI, to Robert and Rose Hamilton. She grew up and attended school in Chetek and graduated from Chetek High School in 1980. During childhood Sherry was a member of the Prairie Lake Eagles 4-H Club, and in high school she played flute in the school band and was a member of the pom-pon squad. She worked at the Chetek Bakery throughout her high school years. Sherry graduated from the University of WI – Eau Claire in 1985 with a degree in elementary art education and subsequently taught elementary art at the Waupaca Learning Center for 23 years. She absolutely loved going to work each day and cared deeply about her students, who affectionately referred to her as “Miss Ham.” Sherry was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Waupaca. Her belief in God and her church were very important to her. She often stated her faith was what gave her strength during her struggle with cancer. She had a passion for creating art, including beaded jewelry, stained glass and hanging window crystals. She had a beautiful singing voice and often sang at the weddings of family and friends, and she was a member of her church choir for many years. She enjoyed decorating her home, and spending time in her flower gardens and with her boxer dogs Hooch, Taz and Tucker. Sherry was preceded in death by her parents, baby brother Gerald Allen, nephew Greg Carpenter, niece Michele Davis Berning, and brother-in-law Mark Hanson. She is survived by one aunt, Celia Michalski of Bruce, WI, brothers Gary (Barb) Hamilton of Two Harbors, MN, Lonnie (Lynne) Hamilton of River Falls, WI, Jim Hamilton and Dean Hamilton of Chetek, and David (Sylvia) Hamilton of Fairview, TX, and sisters Joyce (Mike) Nelson, Karen (Gary) Hansen, Denise Hamilton and Janette Hanson of Chetek, Arlene Carpenter of St. Paul, MN, Donna (Chaiya) Hamilton of St. Louis



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Park, MN, Lindy (Rick) Urbach of Pell Lake, WI, Lisa Carlsen of Denton, TX, and former sister-in-law Brenda (Bill) Johnson of Clayton, WI, as well as 29 nieces and nephews and 33 great- and great-great nieces and nephews. Sherry is also survived by dear friends Larry and Donzella Anderson, Bobbie and Scott Studzinski and children, Kathy and Maya Kamrath, Linda Dahlberg, special neighbor Fritz Groholski, and countless school, church and community friends in Waupaca whom she considered to be her second family. A memorial service will be held at 12 Noon on Saturday, September 5, in the gymnasium at the Waupaca Learning Center with Pastor Larry Gross of the First Baptist Church officiating. Visitation will be held at the Waupaca Learning Center from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, September 4, and for one hour prior to the service. Lunch will be served following the memorial service at the First Baptist Church. The Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca assisted the family; a private family interment of remains will be held at Sheridan Cemetery at a later date. The family would like to thank Cherry Meadows Hospice for their tender care and support during Sherry's stay there. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Sherry Lynette Hamilton Art Scholarship Fund or to a charity of one's choice.

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SW

Stephanie Whitaker posted:

I will like to send my sympathy to the family and friends. I am a former student of Miss. Hamm. She was a wonderful teacher. I was also able to see her in church, and her love for GOD was truly a blessing. She will be greatly missed.

March 4 at 7:00 PM

AD

Alysia Dillenberg posted:

Miss Ham was an awe inspiring woman who touched the hearts of all her students. She believed in each and everyone of her students. Her love of art was spilled onto her classes over the years. I remember specifically how she helped my sister, who is disabled and paints with her feet, to have her art recognized around the United States! Miss Ham was an amazing woman and will be sorely missed, but each of her students carry a bit of her talent with them through life. God Bless her family.

March 4 at 7:00 PM

HT

Heather T posted:

To Sherry's family: I am sorry to hear of her passing. My son was a student of hers at WLC and he really enjoyed her classes. When he had a friend send him a text regarding the sad news, he was really upset. My son was privileged to have had her for a teacher and to have had the opportunity to benefit from her knowledge and talent. He, along with many of her other students I'm sure, will always remember her fondly.

March 4 at 7:00 PM

DP

Dawn Myers-Price posted:

Miss Hamilton was my art teacher almost 20 years ago and the impression she left with me has never faded. She made art fun but it was her energy that I will never forget. Although my art skills have probably not progressed since elementary school, what she taught me was deeper than that. She showed me caring. Now I've made my career out of that and help others every day in the medical field. I hope Miss Hamilton's family knows that she not only lives on in all the people she touched personally, but everyone else who has been effected by the ones she taught. I am so sorry for your loss and her memory will be cherished. Five years ago I placed the memory blanket over my step-dad at cherry meadows hospice and escorted him home and I pray that the family will be comforted by all the warm wishes being sent their way.

March 4 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sherry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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