



Barbara Tobin

July 5, 2011

Tobin, Barbara Joy age 56, of Minnetonka, was taken suddenly from her family and friends on June 30, 2011. Barb was preceded in death by her father, Richard E. Wilke and is survived by her devoted husband, Tim; her loving children, Kelly Giancristoforo and Ryan Tobin, her precious granddaughter, Emma, and by her mother, June Wilke. Barb was a 1977 graduate of the College of St. Catherine's with a degree in nursing and was employed throughout her career as a psychiatric nurse and manager at Fairview Hospital, Regions Hospital and other facilities. Barb had the unique ability to instantly connect with perfect strangers, to anticipate what her family and friends needed or wanted even before they knew what it was, and to make everyone feel as if they were better off for having been around her for an hour, a day or a lifetime. She will be forever remembered as the guiding force for her family and the rock of strength for her friends. She soaked up life like she soaked up the sun. Barb will be dearly missed by her family, her friends and the birds in her yard. Only the fish that got away will be happy she is gone. A memorial service will be held for Barb on Saturday, July 9, 2011 at 2:00 pm at the Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapel, 7625 Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie, MN (952) 975-0400, with visitation beginning one hour prior to the service. Memorials to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.