



Janis Merrill

November 26, 2006

Merrill, Janis "Gail" (nee Einen) Age 58, of Edina, passed away at home on November 14, 2006. Preceded in death by mother, Alatheia Einen; grandparents, Albert & La Mae Einen; aunt, Ruth Bonstrom; uncle, Everett Bonstrom; and mother-in-law, Jeanne Merrill Thomas. Survived by her husband, John; sons, Erik & Jonathan; stepson, Ian (Lynn); grandson, Liam; father, Clair Einen; uncle, Ray Bonstrom; "aunt", Alice; cousins, Paul, Neil & Joel Bonstrom and Elaine Anderson; the O'Brien Family and many other friends. Gail was born on Dec. 18, 1947 in Mpls. She grew up in Lambertson & graduated from LHS in '65. She earned her BA from Macalester College & pursued graduate studies at Northwestern & the U of Illinois. She worked for the CIA for 10 years. She was a dedicated volunteer with Junior League, the 1st female president of the Edina Hockey Assoc., and a member of her church ladies circle. Above all, Gail was a devoted mother and a compassionate person who loved people and loved to laugh. A Celebration of Gail's Life will be held on Monday, Nov. 27, 11 AM at Normandale Lutheran Church, 6100 Normandale Rd, Edina. Visitation 1 hour prior. Private interment Lakewood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Macalester College or the church. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996