



Kirsten Swanson

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Swanson Kirsten Dawn Swanson, 33, of Minneapolis, died May 8, 2004. Kirsten had an amazing capacity for compassion. She embraced diversity in all aspects of life. We will remember Kirsten by dedicating ourselves to carrying on her love and gentleness for all creatures. Kirsten loved animals and became a vegetarian at the age of nine. Kirsten has always been ahead of her time; in fashion, in art, and her ability to see the good and beauty in all people, regardless of their differences. She was chosen to go to be with God after struggling with liver disease. Kirsten is at peace now. Her boundless spirit, humor and compassion for even the most downtrodden will be missed by all who knew her. Kirsten was born on August 15, 1970 in Boston and moved to Minneapolis with her family, as a young child. She graduated from Southwest Minneapolis High School in 1988. Recently, Kirsten was attending the College of St. Catherine's in St. Paul. She was studying to become a radiographer and continue her work in caring for people of all walks of life. Kirsten is survived by her twin sister and lifelong companion, Heather Swanson of Minneapolis. Heather and Kirsten were rarely apart and shared a remarkable bond of love and friendship. She is also survived by parents, Dawn and Ted Michael, Brad and Ann Swanson; three grandmothers, Eleanor Ekstrom, Melba Kolstad, and Eileen Swanson; stepsisters, Jessica and Bridgette Rongitsch; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Kirsten is preceded in death by grandfathers "Papa Bud" and "Morfor", and Uncle Joe Masee. Kirsten's family would like to thank the staff at HCMC in Minneapolis,

especially DR. Craig Peine, and his assistant, Luanne, for their unwavering commitment to Kirsten. A memorial service will be held Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at Lakewood Chapel, 36h & Hennepin Ave., Mpls. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Samuel C. Johnson Program in the Genomics of Addiction, c/o the Mayo Foundation, Rochester, MN 55905. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-9677