



Kristina Dawn Taina

April 18, 1953 - April 28, 2017

Kristina "Kristi" Dawn Taina, age 64, of Dassel, died Friday, April 28, 2017, at her home. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Dassel with the Rev. Keith Carlson officiating. The interment will be held on a later date.

A time to gather with the family will be held Friday evening, May 5, 2017, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel and one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Dassel.

Kristina "Kristi" Dawn Taina, the daughter of Dale and Lila (Almquist) Cates was born on April 18, 1953, in Litchfield, Minnesota. Kristi grew up in Kingston and attended Kingston Elementary and in 1971, graduated from Litchfield High School. Kristi graduated from Ridgewater College in Hutchinson in 1993, with a degree in Metallurgy. She was baptized at the Kimball United Methodist Church and was confirmed at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Kingston.

On February 5, 1972, Kristi was united in marriage to Robert Taina at the Crow River Lutheran Church in rural Cokato. Together they made their home in Kingston before they moved to Dassel in 1974. Kristi had been employed at HTI for ten years. After schooling she was employed at Medtronics for seven years before she retired.

Kristi was the 1970 Litchfield High School Homecoming Queen. She loved holidays, especially Halloween and spending time with her family and friends camping and had spent many Memorial and Labor Day celebrations at the Cates Campground in Kingston. She enjoyed playing games, playing with and loving all her grandchildren, baking, and making salsa. She could often be found outside in her backyard enjoying nature, gardening and taking care of her flowers. She loved to take rides around the country side and had enjoyed the family vacations and camping trips. She loved life!

Kristi is survived by her husband, Robert of Dassel, children, Heather (Gary) Turja of Kingston, Shane Taina of Dassel, Andy (Hiedi) Taina of Dassel, five grandchildren, Doug Potter, Lilly Turja, Stella Turja, Addison Stenmark and Carli Taina. Siblings, Kim (Maxine) Cates of Kingston, Mike (Julie) Cates of Kingston, Karen (Ron) Rasmussen of Kingston, Perry (Christine) Cates of Watkins, and sister in law, Jody Cates of Dassel along with a good friend, Mary Ring.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lila and Dale Cates, brother, Robin Cates, Nephew Paul Cates, and a great niece Kelly Rasmussen.

Tribute Wall

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“ My sympathy to all Kristi's family and friends. I met and worked with Kristi while she worked at Medtronic in the Chemical Technology area. Kristi was always a bright spot of the day; she was always quick to smile and joke. Those that new Kristi will sorely miss her. Kristi will forever be a person I will remember. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends during this difficult time!

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“ My deepest sympathy to the Cates-Taina family. Kristi had that bubbly personality that one never forgets. Iowa hugs to all!!!

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“ I was Kristi's Manager at Medtronic when she retired, and her passing away leaves me with wonderful, fond memories, and a deep sadness. Kristi was full of laughter, energy and positive energy. She got along really well with everyone around her, and was one of the most friendly persons that I have ever come across. She was greatly looking forward to her retirement and spending time with her family and friends. I had hoped to see her on the fundraiser, but God had other plans for her. I am sure that she is smiling right now, and is free from all pain. I am reminded of the old Roman saying, "Whom gods love die young" and this is so true of her. I share the grief of Kristi's family, and she will be in my prayers. Hope to meet with some of you during the Visitation/Funeral. Vishal Agarwal

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