

## ***Osawatomie Graphic, Osawatomie, Kansas***

Terri Lee Guenther, 51, Paola, died unexpectedly April 26, 2009, at Hays Medical Center in Hays, Kan.



She was born Nov. 3, 1957, in Paola, the oldest of three children born to Jerry Glen and Mary Margaret McClintock Tooley.

She graduated from Prairie View High School in 1975 as valedictorian of her class. She was also valedictorian of her junior high class. She was again awarded valedictorian when she graduated from Johnson County Community College, where she received an associate's degree. She was currently working on her bachelor's degree through Kansas State University.

She was married to Kurt Girard Joseph Guenther on March 17, 1978, in Fontana. They made their home in rural Paola and became the parents of three children. They were divorced March 9, 1993.

She worked for Paola school district as a bookkeeper. She began working there in July 1992. In addition to her duties as bookkeeper, she served as backup for payroll.

She truly enjoyed life. She was an organizer and loved to be in charge of organizing family dinners for the Guenther family as well as annual Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners at work.

She was in charge of the Cops for Tots Angel Tree for her office. She loved going out and buying gifts for all the angels. She also had given to Locks of Love on more than one occasion. She dressed up in a costume every year for Halloween. In recent years, she was known to even scare her grandchildren with her Halloween costumes. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and spoiling them with things she would buy for them. Even in her passing, her giving nature continued as she was an organ donor.

She was a member of Fontana United Methodist Church, where she was the pianist and music director. She was currently serving as the church's treasurer and had previously held several other offices in the church.

She was a member of the Frontier Twirlers Square Dance Club in Osawatomie and served as their treasurer.

Survivors include her parents, Jerry and Mary Tooley of Paola; two sons, Timothy of the home and Matthew of Ponca City, Okla.; one daughter, Rachel Brown of Greeley; one brother, Steve Tooley of Bellevue, Neb.; one sister Janet Green of Lee's Summit, Mo.; and three grandchildren.

Services were Saturday with arrangements by Eddy-Birchard Funeral Home, 203 Main St., Osawatomie, KS 66064, (913) 755-2114. Burial was in the Fontana Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Rick Felt, Samuel Green, Peter Green, Jordan Schaeffer, T. J. Tooley, Daniel Moser, Dustin Walters and Vernon Rausch.

Memorials are to the Terri Guenther Angel Fund, where her family will continue with her tradition of buying gifts for the Cops for Tots Angel Tree.