



## Joni Rae McKenzie

November 26, 1955 - December 15, 2009

Joni Rae McKenzie; beloved daughter, sister, aunt, and great-aunt, passed away Tuesday, December 15, 2009. She was born 54 years ago to proud parents, Delbert L. Mac and Lois McKenzie on November 26, 1955. Joni graduated from Ladywood-St. Agnes High School in 1975. She then attended Marion College and IUPUI where she received her associate degree. For a number of years she worked as receptionist at IBM in the Market Square Building in Indianapolis. After having to leave IBM for medical reasons, she decided to become a full-time advocate for people with disabilities. Some of the organizations she worked with were The Governor's Indiana Council for People with Disabilities, Back Home in Indiana, United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Indiana, and the Family Support Council. In 1992, Joni was among the first graduating class of Partners in Policy Making. That same year, she went to Washington D.C. and spoke before a U.S. Senate Subcommittee regarding work incentives for people with disabilities. Joni's beautiful, spirit-filled smile and deep Christian faith touched the hearts of those she met. She will be sorely missed. She was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Joni is survived by her mother, Lois McKenzie; her brother, Craig McKenzie, and his wife Dot; her sister, Susan Breivogel, and her husband Bob; her brother, Mark McKenzie, and his wife Judy; nieces and nephews, Scott and Mark McKenzie, Joe Jackson, Sara McKenzie, Jenny and Andy White, and Stacey Breivogel; her great-niece, Lilian White, and great-nephew, Gavin McKenzie. Her father, Mac, preceded Joni in death in 1976.

Visitation will be Saturday, December 19, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services at 12 Noon, at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Rd., Fishers, IN, 46038. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army, 3100 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, 46208-4718.