



PORTIA WALZ (Jackson)
November 17, 2014

Portia Katherine Walz Jackson, 68, of Ottumwa, Iowa, formerly of Fort Dodge, Iowa, died Monday, November 17, 2014 at the Good Samaritan Rehab Hospice Center in Ottumwa after a long and bravely fought battle with multiple medical issues. It was Portia's wish to have a small family service in Ottumwa with burial in Eldon Cemetery in Eldon, Iowa. Reece's Funeral Home in Ottumwa is in charge of the arrangements.

Portia is survived by her beautiful daughter, Tracy Ann Jackson, and son, Troy Anthony Jackson and his wife, Terri. She has several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her mother, Marjorie J. Walz, her sister Retha Ann Howell, both of Fort Dodge, and also a niece, Dawne Marie Schmidt, of Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Portia Katherine Walz was born November 2, 1946 to Donald C. and Marjorie J. Kennedy Walz of Estherville, Iowa. She attended schools in Estherville until the second semester of her sophomore year in high school, when the family moved to Fort Dodge. Portia attended St. Edmond Catholic High School until graduating in May 1964. She played coronet in the school band.

Portia K. Walz married Conrad Russel Jackson on June 13, 1966 and they were later divorced. Portia attended Land of Lakes Community College for Nursing Home Administrators and was later employed at Norwalk Manor in Des Moines, Iowa. She later worked at Ottumwa Manor until failing health forced her into early retirement. In addition to her loving family and friends, Portia will be deeply missed by her devoted dog Zoey, who never left her side.

Memorials may be left to the discretion of the family. Please send to Marjorie J. Walz or Retha A. Howell at 244 N. 25th St., Fort Dodge, IA 50501-3619.