



Dr. Paula R. King

March 28, 2011

Dr. Paula Raye King, 65, of Cape Girardeau, MO, died peacefully on Monday, March 28, 2011 at Southeast Missouri Hospital. She was born Paula Raye Smith on April 18, 1945 in Neosho, MO to David and Marjorie Trefftzs Smith. Throughout her life she had a passion for education and the arts, combined with a love of people and animals. She earned a Bachelor of Science and Master's Degree in Home Economics from Southern Illinois University in 1968. She taught at Missouri State University for a number of years. On November 28, 1980, she married Harry J. King in Jackson, Wyoming, living in numerous states for the next decade. In 1992 she earned her PhD at Oklahoma State University. She continued her career in higher education, teaching at Southeast Missouri State University. Within two years she became the chairperson of the Health and Human Services Department, a position she held since that time. Throughout her life Dr. King was awarded numerous honors for her work in home economics. She was a master seamstress, excelled in the culinary arts and participated in the university Choir. She enjoyed reading, shopping, traveling, visiting with friends and family, spending time with her beloved pets and working with her students. She will be remembered for her passion for education , her dedication to her students and family, and the love she had for her parents, her husband, her sisters, and their families. She is survived by her husband of 31 years, Harry J. King and his family, her parents, David and Marjorie Smith of Arkansas, her sister, Jan Ward and her family, and her sister Kerry Smith and her family. She will be

missed. A scholarship has been established in Dr. King's honor at Southeast Missouri State University. Donations are being accepted at the foundation at SEMO in the name of Paula King. Her legacy will continue. Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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“ *Definition of classy lady, brilliant educator, inspiring, and a mentor to many!* ”

Rachel Ross-McNeely - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *She was a wonderful Professor and I will truly and deeply miss her.* ”

Rebecca Shelton - May 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM