



Joni Adams Bliss

July 22, 2008

Joni Adams Bliss, 51, of Cape Girardeau, died Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at Southeast Missouri Hospital. She was born in St. Louis November 22, 1956, daughter of Joan Brunson of St. Louis and George Adams, also of St. Louis. They survive. She was married February 14, 1980 in Cape Girardeau to Mark Bliss, who also survives. Joni began working at the Bulletin-Journal newspaper while attending Southeast Missouri State University from which she graduated in 1978 with a bachelor's degree in mass communication. She was a longtime managing editor of the Southeast Missourian and joined the staff of the Southeast Missouri Hospital Marketing Department in June 2000, serving as the Hospital's webmaster and supervisor of web tools. She received the Spirit of Southeast Award in 2007 in recognition of her can-do approach to any task, large or small, and her upbeat spirit. According to her co-workers, Joni's passion for helping others was contagious. Although she had her own health issues for the past few years, her care and concern for others overshadowed her concern for herself. Joni was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and the Faith Seekers Sunday School class. She was very active in Girl Scouting, having served in numerous capacities, leading Troop 318 and co-leading Troop 145. She also worked closely with Southeast Hospital's "Adopt-A-School" partner, Cape Central Middle School. In addition to her husband and parents, she is survived by two daughters, Rebecca Minette (born February 4, 1992) and Bailey Caitlin (born December 8, 1995), both of the home; two brothers, Mike Adams and Herb Adams, both

of St. Louis; step-mother, Irene Adams of St. Louis; mother-in-law, Nancy Bliss of Cape Girardeau; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Emily and Steven Mellies, of Cape Girardeau; step-brothers, James Geoffrion, Michael Geoffrion, Ronald Geoffrion, and Daniel Geoffrion, all of St. Louis; step-sisters, Susan Neverve, Nanette Turanski, and Kathleen Wantling, all of St. Louis; nephews, Michael and David Adams, both of St. Louis, and Andrew Mellies, of Cape Girardeau; and a niece, Miranda Adams, of St. Louis. Friends may call Thursday, July 24, 2008 from 4-8 PM at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Friday, July 25, 2008 at 10:00 AM at Grace United Methodist Church with the Rev. Scott Moon officiating. Burial will follow at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Rob Scott, Mark Fluegge, Jay Wolz, Steve and Andrew Mellies, and Keith Whitworth. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Grace United Methodist Church Foundation, Southeast Missouri Hospital Foundation, and the Girl Scouts of Otahki Council.

Tribute Wall

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“ I became acquainted with Joni through Girl Scouts. She was an inspirational leader and I often wanted to observe her in action since her troops were so successful. The few times we spoke she was gracious and honest. Our son Alex has attended school with Becca since second grade and our daughter Jackie has known Bailey both through Girl Scout camp and the Explore program at the Cape Public Schools. Our community is the richer due to Joni's presence and involvement and we will be the poorer without her. May God bless all of you.

Philip and Jennifer Crawford - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Kathy Wolz, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear friend. Your family and the Bliss family will be in my prayers

Deena Buerck Allen - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM