



Tracey Headrick

Tracey Anne Headrick, 44, Kokomo, was called home to Heaven Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011, from the emergency room at Logansport Memorial Hospital. She was born Aug. 10, 1967, in Fort Wayne, the daughter of Billy R. "Bill" and Patricia L. (Busche) Shanks. On June 10, 1995, in Zion Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, she married Ralph E. Headrick, who survives.

She was a 1985 graduate of Columbia City High School, Columbia City, and attended William Penn University, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Tracey was employed as a teacher's aide at Redeemer Lutheran School, where she had also served as the resource teacher and the girl's basketball and volleyball coach. She had previously coached soccer for the Kokomo Soccer Club.

She was a member of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. Tracey will be remembered by her family and numerous friends as a loving and devoted mother, wife and a true friend. She found joy in caring for and loving her friends and putting their needs first. She has set a loving example for her friends and family to follow. She enjoyed caring for her plants and making her house a home for her family.

Survivors include her husband, Ralph E. Headrick, Kokomo; her beloved daughter, Olivia G. Headrick, at home; a stepson, Anthony Thomas Headrick, Fort Wayne; her parents, Bill and Patricia Shanks, Columbia City; four siblings, Tina M. (Shanks) Cummings, Fort Wayne, Todd A. Shanks, Columbia City, Tamara L. Shanks, Clermont, Fla., and Timothy R. Shanks, Fort Wayne; one aunt, Debra K. Busche, Fort Wayne; two uncles, Arden M. Shanks, Hicksville, Ohio, and Fredrick M.R. Busche, Florida; two sisters-in-law, Alice W. Brown, New Haven, and Patricia E. Panyda, California; two brothers-in-law, Ronald L. Headrick and Eugene Robert Headrick, both of Fort Wayne; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In Kokomo, funeral services celebrating Tracey's life will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, 705 Southway Blvd. East, with Pastors William Allison and Barry Akers officiating. Friends are invited to call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the church and one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

In Fort Wayne, a committal service will be 3 p.m. Thursday in Covington Memorial Gardens and Cemetery, 8408 Covington Road. Burial will follow. Memorial contributions may be made to the Howard County Humane Society. Shirley and Stout Funeral Homes and Crematory are assisting the family with arrangements. Messages of condolence may be left online at www.shirleyandstout.com.

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