



Belinda Jolene Cheatwood

December 31, 1958 - April 29, 2008

Longtime Grand Prairie resident and Grand Prairie Memorial Library employee, Belinda Jolene Cheatwood, passed away on April 29, 2008 after a long and courageous battle with breast cancer. Born at home in Lexington, Oklahoma during a snowstorm, on December 13, 1958, Belinda moved to Grand Prairie soon after her graduation from high school in Maud, Oklahoma. Beginning as a Library Aide at the Grand Prairie library, Belinda developed into a highly-skilled library technology specialist, handling the library's computer systems. Diagnosed in 2000, she continued to work throughout her struggle with cancer. During this time, she was recognized for her many contributions to the library by being named Employee of the Month for the City of Grand Prairie in May 2002. After 26 years of service, Belinda retired in 2006. Belinda enjoyed the company of a devoted circle of friends who admired her graceful approach to her illness. In her spare time, she liked to travel, crochet and solve puzzles. She found great joy in her rat terrier, Savannah. Belinda is survived by her mother, Dovie Cheatwood of Maud, Oklahoma and her six sisters and brothers: Mary Goodgion of Tecumseh, OK; Garlin Dale Cheatwood of Edmond, OK; Dorothy Wallace of Maud; Beverly Sanford of Holdenville, OK; Kenneth Cheatwood of Meeker, OK; and Janna Wallace of Maud. Her father, Garlin Cheatwood, preceded her in death. Also mourning her death is her beloved animal companion, Savannah. Belinda will also be missed by her many friends and co-workers. Friends are invited to a time of sharing of memories at the Grand Prairie Memorial Library, 901

Conover Drive, Grand Prairie, 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2008.