



(nee Niper)

LANI JAY JUSTUS, 51, of Beloit, WI, died peacefully Wednesday, April 23, 2003 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

She was born November 20, 1951 in Hackettstown, NJ, the daughter of Howard J. and Gladys Vreeland Niper. Lani graduated from Hood College in Frederick, Maryland and received a master's degree from UW-Whitewater.

Lani taught at Hackett School in Beloit for 20 years, where all her students loved her. She supervised many student teachers. Lani was a member of the Beloit Junior Women's Club, and was a faithful member of the Clinton High School Booster Club. She loved to travel and visited Japan, Hawaii, Alaska, and many European countries. Lani participated in a book club and theatre group. She was honored last year at the American Cancer Society Walk For Life in Clinton. Lani attended Central Christian Church and accepted Jesus as her personal Lord and Savior. One of her prize possessions was a bracelet of more than 120 charms given to her by her friends for support.

Lani was a wonderful mother, daughter, teacher, and friend who will be missed by all.

Survivors include her son, Jesse Justus; long term companion, Charles P. Benedict; and her mother, Gladys (Henry Martin) Niper all of Beloit, WI.

She was predeceased by her father, Howard J. Niper.

Funeral services will be 7:00 p.m. Friday, April 25, 2003 in the Daley-Murphy-Wisch & Associates Funeral Home, 2355 Cranston Road, Beloit, WI, with the Reverend Larry Froemming officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday in the funeral home. Services will also be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 29, 2003 in the Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St., Hackettstown, NJ. Burial will be in Pequest Cemetery, Great Meadows, NJ. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday in Cochran Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to American Cancer Society.