

Suzanne Kleone Sarlette

Suzanne Kleone Sarlette, 59, of Muscatine, Iowa, passed away on October 12, 2009, at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City as a result of a sudden cerebral hemorrhage which turned out to have been caused by a cancerous brain tumor.

A memorial service for Suzanne Sarlette will be held at the Unitarian-Universalist Society of Iowa City, IA, at 4:00 PM on November 14, 2009 (www.uusic.org). In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Autism Society of America. www.autism-society.org
On-line condolences may be directed to www.lensingfuneral.com

Suzanne was born & grew up in Morris MN. She was valedictorian of her high school class, and earned a BA degree with high distinction from the University of Minnesota, Morris, with a double major in math & physics. She later earned her Masters Degree in Computer Science from St. Ambrose University (Davenport, IA).

Sue was employed as a computer programmer / computer specialist for the U.S. Department of Defense, stationed at Rock Island Arsenal in Rock Island, IL, starting in 1974. Sue married Gerald Pearson in 1989, and the couple moved to Muscatine at that time. Sue worked at the Arsenal until her retirement in 2000.

Sue's hobbies included knitting, crocheting, and needlepoint. She was an avid birdwatcher and a voracious reader, and loved to work challenging logic puzzles. She liked to listen to a wide variety of music of many genres, including classical, renaissance, jazz, and world music. After their retirement, Sue and husband Gerry traveled the country with their Aliner camper, visiting state and national parks and monuments, attending various astronomy club "Star Parties", bird watching events, and Aliner Owners Club conventions. She created and maintained the membership database for the Aliner Owner's Club, and served as their national database manager. Sue was a member of many organizations, including the Aliner Owners Club, the local chapter of MENSA, the Eastern Iowa Esperanto Society, Iowa City Bird Club, Popular Astronomy Club (Rock Island), and the Quad City Audubon Society. She often visited area nursing homes where she would read to residents, and call bingo games.

Sue is survived by her husband, Gerald Pearson, of Muscatine, IA; mother Florence Sarlette of Morris, MN; brother Del (Carlene) Sarlette of Morris; brother Marty (Brenda) Sarlette of Colorado Springs, CO; sister Carol (Jack) Dutcher of Vallejo, CA; and 3 nephews: Peter and Steven Sarlette of Morris, MN, and Tony Sarlette of Colorado Springs, CO. She was preceded in death by her father Walter, her brother Richard, and nephew Richard Olson.

Below are a couple of pictures of Sue that Gerry sent along.



The picture on the right was taken returning from a birdwatching hike in Theodore Roosevelt National Park (ND) in 2003. Sue waiting at an intersection for through traffic to proceed.