

## Karen Harris, 54

Dec. 7, 1952 - Jan. 19, 2007



**VIRGINIA BEACH, VA** — Karen Jean McCormack Jones Harris was born Dec. 7, 1952 in Harlan, to Robert and Waneta Wooley McCormack. She attended Harlan Elementary and High School graduating in May, 1971. Karen moved with her parents to Minnesota and worked as a bookkeeper for an auto firm.

Oct. 16, 1974 she married Brian R. Jones of Harlan in the Harlan Methodist Church Chapel with Rev. Larry LaVelle officiating. The couple lived in Minnesota until June 1977 when Brian enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. After Brian's Quantico, VA training, they lived in Fredricksburg, VA, Pensacola, FL, Jacksonville, NC, and Kailua, Oahu, Hawaii. They returned to Jacksonville, NC, where Brian died in a helicopter accident at Camp LeJeune Nov. 19, 1984. Karen continued to live there with her young children, Cresta and Nathan.

Dec. 3, 1987, Karen married Marine John D. Harris of Richmond, VA. They lived in Jacksonville, NC and later moved to Virginia Beach, VA where Karen worked as an office manager and secretary for Prestige Floors, Inc. for many years. They bought an acreage and a country home where they provided shelter and loving care for pet Brahman and Texas long-horned cattle, goats, peacocks, guineas, ducks, geese, dogs and cats. They considered this as their hobby with special interest and focus for homeless and abandoned animals. Karen was very active in the Charity United Methodist Church in Virginia Beach. She helped to establish a nursery, taught Sunday School, participated in all UMW activities and retreats. She also visited several nursing homes and brought home baked foods to the elderly who lived alone. Karen died in her home with Hospice Care Jan. 19, 2007 from a malignant brain tumor. She willed her body to Medical Science.

Karen is survived by her husband, John, daughter, Cresta M. Jones, DVM, and husband, Greg A. Crump of Richmond, VA, son, Guy Nathaniel Jones of Virginia Beach, VA, two granddaughters, Stella and Josephine Crump and two step-grandchildren, Fran and Jody Harris, her parents, Robert McCormack of Sierra Vista, AZ and Waneta Russell of Prescott, AZ, sisters, Kathy Lundell, Heidi Vogt, Sigrid Tornquist and brothers, Mike, John and Lauren McCormack. Harlan survivors are her parents-in-law, Stanley and Gertrude Jones and sister and brother-in-law, Donita (Jones) (David) Miller and other relatives.

A Celebration of Life Service of Death and Resurrection was held at Charity United Methodist Church Jan. 24, 2007, with Rev. Deborah Fair officiating.