Gutierrez, Valerie

Valerie Gutierrez, 53, of Lafayette, Colo., passed away on Monday, Feb. 24, 2003, of heart failure. She was born in Pigeon on Nov. 2, 1949, the daughter of Fred and Lola (Brown) Morin. On Nov. 23, 1990, she married Mark Gutierrez in Boulder, Colo. Valerie attended Ferris State University in Big Rapids. She worked as a cashier at Boulder Community Hospital for 15 years. She enjoyed gardening and cooking, and she was very active as a volunteer at Lafayette Elementary School and the Boulder Humane Society of Boulder Valley. Valerie is survived by her husband, Mark, of Lafayette, Colo.; a son, Kyle Gutierrez of Layfayette, Colo.; her parents, Fred and Lola Morin of Bad Axe; two sisters, Kathy Morin of Greeley, Colo., and Diane Morin of Ortonville; her father-in-law, Robert E. Gutierrez of Boulder, Colo. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Larry and Dennis Morin. Funeral services for Valerie took place on Saturday, March 1, 2003, at the Crist Mortuary in Boulder, Colo. Memorials may be made in Valerie's name to Kyle's College Fund in care of Mark Gutierrez at 200 W. Cannon St., Lafayette, Colo., 80026.