



HEATHER HOUGHTON BIXBY

Mrs. Heather Houghton Bixby, age 65, passed away Thursday, October 9, 2008. Mrs. Bixby was born August 7, 1943 in Port Jefferson, New York to William (Bill) and Margaret Houghton.

Mrs. Bixby spent her formative years in Princeton, New Jersey. Mrs. Bixby attended Princeton High School and went on to attend Juniata College, in Huntingdon, PA. for her undergraduate degree in Foreign Language, she was fluent in French and could read Russian. Mrs. Bixby went on to obtain her master's degree in Counseling at Shippensburg University in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Bixby was married to Jeffrey Bixby for 15 years and no children were born to this union. It was her husband's work that brought them to Texas where she dedicated her life to working with at risk youth.

Mrs. Bixby worked at McKinney Job Corps for 8 years where she received her LPC and then moved to Crockett where she worked at the Crockett State School for 21 years as a caseworker, Social Service Administrator and completed her years of dedicated service as a caseworker so that she could do what she loved most, working with the youth. Mrs. Bixby affectionately known by her co-workers enjoyed training her staff and caseworkers.

Mrs. Bixby loved watching the light come on when working with youth and staff. Mrs. Bixby loved making the program work. Her promotion to administrator was to help the kids, not because she wanted to be an administrator. Mrs. Bixby's heart was in direct care.

Mrs. Bixby loved to read a good book, travel, cooking, enjoyed the fresh air and the country and loved her animals. Mrs. Bixby was self taught but she loved working with computers and was on the first committee to computerize casework paperwork and to help design the local network. Mrs. Bixby was the first caseworker at Crockett State School to do a release packet on the computer. Mrs. Bixby was also on a team that went to Boston to work on the agency wide network, WAN.

Survivors include her long time friends Kaye Seth, of Crockett, Irene Hechler, of Lawrenceville, NJ.; cousins Donnie Thompson, of Sayville, NY., Geri Wells, of Sound Beach, NY., Debra Wells, of Staten Island, NY., Joseph Wells, of Greenwood, NY and Donald Wells, of Long Island, NY.

Preceded in death by her parents William (Bill) and Margaret Houghton; and husband Jeffery Bixby.

Memorial Services for Mrs. Heather Houghton Bixby will be held Saturday, October 18, at 2:00 p.m. at the Crockett State School Gazebo in Crockett.

Family Mortuary Services