



Jan Rene VanHaitsma

February 1, 1962 - July 9, 2012

Jan Rene VanHaitsma, of Ewart, passed on Monday, July 9, 2012, at her residence. She was 50.

She was born on February 1, 1962, in Cadillac, to Rodney D. and Mary Jane (Swartwood) VanHaitsma.

She had worked as a carpenter in the building of pole barns and also had worked on farms.

She loved to ride horses, loved animals, bird watching and flowers. She also enjoyed reading and had a great sense of humor.

She is survived by her best friend, Alan Lucas of Ewart; mother, Mary Jane VanHaitsma of Falmouth; sisters, Lori VanHaitsma of Falmouth, and Terri (Dan) Cowie of Clare; nieces, Randi (Myron) Davis of Clare, and Meagan (Jeremy) Coleman of Crocker, Mo.; eight grandnieces and nephews; uncles and aunts, Barb Hoekwater of Cadillac, Keith (Char) VanHaitsma of Falmouth, Brad (Karen) VanHaitsma of Falmouth, Kathy (Gerry) Gernaat of McBain, and Dan (Sharon) VanHaitsma of Cadillac, and many other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father, Rodney D. VanHaitsma, and her uncle, Bob Hoekwater.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, July 14, 2012, at 11 a.m. at the Falmouth Cemetery, with Dick Herweyer officiating. Relatives and friends may gather at the cemetery at 10:30 a.m., and a luncheon will follow the services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Missaukee County Animal Shelter.

Arrangements were made by the Burkholder Funeral Home in McBain

Guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com

Tribute Wall

LV

“ *My deepest sympathies.*

linda vansteenis-berry - July 12, 2012 at 05:47 PM

SJ

“ *May peace be with you now.*

Sandy Jeeter - July 12, 2012 at 05:15 PM

BF

“ *good bye - I remember*

best friend - July 12, 2012 at 05:12 PM

LO

“ *I am sorry you left so soon, but I know we will cross trails once again. Be at peace now, and know you are in my heart and will be remembered always. You can finally let go of the reins.*

Laura (Roble) Olofson - July 12, 2012 at 05:08 PM

BH

“ *I'
It miss you stopping by on your horse in the morning and having a cup of coffee! You will be missed.*

bryan hesselink - July 12, 2012 at 03:41 PM

AS

“ *May God surround your family and friends, with the comfort and peace needed at this difficult time. You will be sadly missed by the Class of 1980 from McBain High.*

Amy Stahl-Long - July 12, 2012 at 06:22 AM

JS

“ My dear and treasured friend...forever our hearts and lives will be entwined and for that I will be forever grateful. May God's grace surround your friends and family and shower them with love, comfort and peace.

Jeff and Joyce (Lotter) Sandelius - July 11, 2012 at 07:34 PM

SY

“ Dear jan, we have been threw alot together and apart but we always managed to muddle threw and laugh about later.i will miss our cups of hot tea and conversations about the world and all its problems. You left this earth way to early and im so very sad you are gone. I will miss you so very much.i hope where you are is sunny and a horse is saddled and ready to ride to the nearest swimming hole. I love you jan.

stephanie yonkman - July 11, 2012 at 11:37 AM