



## Avis Lorraine Bernius

February 26, 1948 - June 19, 2014

Washington – Avis Lorraine Bernius, 66, of Washington, died at 4:02 PM on Thursday June 19, 2014 at OSF St Francis Medical Center in Peoria. She was born February 26, 1948 in Columbus, NE to Fred and Claudia Chollar Schultz Sr. Avis married Lee Bernius on August 24, 1990 in Peoria. He survives.

Also surviving are her children, Cynthia (Vance) Smallwood of Peculiar, MO and Matt Houck of Peoria, four grandchildren, Rashelle King, Brandon Smallwood, Tyler Smallwood, Elizabeth Smallwood and one great grandson, Majick Anderson. She is also survived by 7 siblings, Roberta (Dale) Lovell of Columbus, NE, Shirley (Bob) Durko and Darlene Schultz, both of Fort Worth, TX, Janet Longnecker, George (Linda) Schultz, and Herb (Nancy) Schultz, all of Columbus, NE, Don Schultz of Gridley, IL and many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Fred Schultz Jr.

Avis graduated Valedictorian of El Paso High School in 1966. She was a data entry clerk at XPAC in Bartonville for 11 years. Avis enjoyed reading fantasy and mystery books and working puzzles. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and was also an excellent cook.

There will be a Funeral Service at 11 am Friday, June 27, 2014 at Deiters

Funeral Home & Crematory in Washington. Pastor Howard Love will officiate. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to service at the funeral home. Cremation rites will be accorded following the service.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association.

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation Rites will be accorded following services**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**JUN 27.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory - Washington  
2075 Washington Road  
Washington, IL 61571  
(309) 745-5999

### Service

**JUN 27.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Avis Lorraine Bernius*



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**Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory** - July 01, 2014 at 09:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Avis Lorraine Bernius.*



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June 26, 2014 at 08:50 AM



“ *I have a heart full of precious memories of Avis. My deepest sympathy and love goes out to her family; she loved you all so very much.*



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**Mary Ann** - June 24, 2014 at 03:24 PM



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*Memories last forever. I am sure that those that knew Avis by the way she touched their heart in some manner will forever hold her and her family in their daily lives, thoughts, and prayers.*

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**Rick seaman** - June 25, 2014 at 09:54 AM