

Erma Martin Hoag

Erma Sue Martin Hoag, age 55, of Joplin, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, at 2:45 p.m. in her home after a lengthy illness.

She was born Nov. 28, 1948, in Joplin, the daughter of the late John Martin and Velma Bybee Martin, of Joplin. She graduated from Joplin High School and attended Missouri Southern State College. She and her husband owned and operated Ozark Cutlery and traveled throughout the United States attending gun and knife shows.

Erma was an animal lover and was active with several organizations involved with pets. She served on the board of the Animal Aid Association and was a founding member of the Joplin Spay and Neuter Organization.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, Mike Hoag, whom she married July 3, 1969, in Joplin; two daughters, Kim Endicott and her husband, Wes, and Christa Hoag and her husband, Larry McGee; two grandchildren, Halie Endicott and Brenden Hoag; and a brother, John Martin, all of Joplin.

Funeral services will be Friday, Feb. 6, 2004, at 11 a.m. in Parker Mortuary Chapel. Her body will be taken for cremation following the service, and private interment of her remains will occur at a later date.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Joplin Humane Society.

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