

## Loretta McCain



Loretta McCain will always be remembered for her smile and her love, and her caring for others.

Loretta was born in Spokane, Washington, in 1945. Her father was in the Navy and they moved often. She spent her elementary school years on Whidby Island just outside of Seattle, and that is where her family scattered her ashes.

When Loretta was 18 years old, her mother died. Since there were no funds for college for Loretta, she started working, eventually in a law office. She married and had two children. Loretta and her family moved to Nashville in 1981, and Loretta was always involved in her children's activities. From Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to Homeroom Mother, Loretta was always there giving 100 per cent.

Her son Shawn still resides in Nashville, and her daughter Kim lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, with her husband and their daughter, Lila Ann. Kim was initiated into Chapter N with Loretta participating as a very proud mother. Kim is currently a member of Chapter DP, Cincinnati.

Loretta loved to cook and bake, in particular her "specialty" cakes. She often donated gift certificates for her cakes, and they always raised a lot of money for many causes.

In October 1987, Loretta was initiated into P.E.O. Chapter N. She was elected to the Tennessee State Board in 1999, serving as Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Organizer. She loved her work on the State Board and enjoyed the chance to meet all of her P.E.O. sisters in Tennessee and around the country. Her untimely death in March 2003 left a void not only on the State Board, but in Chapter N as well.

Loretta often talked about the need to help incoming college freshmen. Chapter N felt the best way to honor Loretta was with a scholarship for a first-time college freshman living in Tennessee. Those of us who were fortunate enough not only to be her sister, but also her friend, know that Loretta would be humbled and honored by this decision.