

Obituary

Melissa Dene Gallegos, 37



Melissa Dene Gallegos, 37, the daughter of Raymond and Karen Smith of Blackfoot, died peacefully in her sleep on March 18, 2009 in Blackfoot, Idaho.

Melissa was born May 24, 1971 in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Darla Dene Jensen and Gordon Walter Snow. She moved to Blackfoot when she was 9 months old to live with her aunt and uncle, Raymond and Karen Smith, who raised her to adulthood. Melissa attended school in Blackfoot, graduating from Blackfoot High School in 1989. She made friends easily and was a loyal and loving friend to many.

Melissa married Michael Gallegos in 1987. They were later divorced but have remained good friends.

Melissa worked for many years as a waitress at Martha's Café in Blackfoot and later at Oakridge Convenience Store. She lived for a short period of time in Pocatello and Montpelier but later returned to live in Blackfoot. Melissa was a good worker and always gave full measure to her employers.

Melissa's crowning glory was her three sons, Tason, Adrian and Logan. She loved them fiercely and they were her life.

Melissa is survived by her parents, Raymond & Karen Smith of Blackfoot; her father, Gordon Snow of LaVerkin, UT; her children, Tason Gallegos (21) of Salt Lake City, UT, Adrian Jimenez (18) and Logan Smith (12), both of Blackfoot; her brothers, Wade Smith of Lake City, FL, Bryant Smith of Gypsum, CO; sisters Susan (Layne) Anderson and Stacy Smith, both of Blackfoot; brothers, Gordon Snow and Frank Woolsey, both of Salt Lake City, UT; brother, Jerry Diat and sister, Holly Diat; brothers Darren, Eric and Jon Hardman, all of Springville, UT and sister, Leslie Nielsen of Spanish Fork, UT. Also surviving are many aunts, uncles, cousins, and numerous nieces and nephews. She will be dearly missed by her entire family.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Darla, an infant daughter, Angela Karen Jimenez, and her grandparents.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 23, 2009 at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 S. Shilling Ave., Blackfoot, Idaho. The family will meet with friends and relatives from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Sunday, March 22, 2009 at the funeral home and again for one hour prior to service.

Interment will be in the Grove City Cemetery.