

Mildred Ruth "Millie" Lau, 55, of Franklin, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2007, after a long battle with breast cancer.

Born in Daytona Beach, Fla., she was the daughter of Dorothy Jean Kressman Mann of Ocala, Fla., and the late James Walter Mann. She was also preceded in death by a niece, Bonnie Jean Gresham, who died in 2002.

Millie retired after 26 years from Bell South, then worked as a receptionist in oncology at Halifax Hospital where she enjoyed comforting people with cancer. She was a security officer for the Daytona Beach Speedway. Millie was a member of the Holly Springs Baptist Church, the Halifax Auxiliary, Pioneers of America, Communications Workers Union, Humane Society of America and was active in the Relay for Life.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband Jim Lau; son, Christopher Richardson of Florida; two stepdaughters, Kimberly Ann Deamer of Long Island, N.Y., and Destinie Joy Lau of Daytona Beach, Fla.; three sisters, Brenda Jean Gresham, Doreen Mann Hadeed and Evelyn Mann Marshall, all of Ormond Beach, Fla.; and two nieces, Eva Maria Hadeed and Elaine Marshall, both of Ormond Beach.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Aug. 11, at 2 p.m., at Holly Springs Baptist Church, with Rev. Eddie Trull and Rev. Lynn Dulakis officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1648, Franklin, NC 28744.

Macon Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences are available by visiting www.maconfuneralhome.com.

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