

JoAnn "JoJo" Dawn Otto, 30, died August 28, 2009 at St. Alexius Medical Center from a heart attack, surrounded by her family and close friends.

A Memorial gathering will be held Saturday, September 5th, in Elgin, ND at Hope Conservative Congrega-tional Church, 400 N. Park St. at 10:30 a.m. MST; a private burial will be held after the service.

A prayer and sharing service is being held at the Bismarck Funeral Home, Hwy 83 N and Calgary Ave. on Friday, September 4th from 7 to 9 p.m. CST. Cremation has taken place, there will be no viewing.

JoAnn was born on July 3, 1979, in Bismarck, ND to Glen and Patsy (Diehl) Otto. She lived in Elgin, ND before moving to Bismarck in 1984, where she attended Wachter Middle School and Bismarck High School. She received her GED from the Adult Learning Center in 2008.

In 1997, JoAnn was blessed with her daughter, Sierra. In 1999 she was joined in marriage to Jason Kramer of Bismarck. During their marriage, they were blessed with their sons, Eric and Michael.

JoAnn was an exuberant person and enjoyed time with friends and family. The thing she most enjoyed was spending time with her children, family and friends, whom she loved and cherished. Her zest for life led her to enjoy many outdoor activities, hunting, fishing, camping, riding motorcycle, jet skiing, and anything adventurous.

She liked being creative and crafty and loved to bake and cook, experimenting with new recipes.

She enjoyed being surrounded by music.

She is survived by daughter, Sierra (11), and her sons, Eric (8) and Michael (3), of Bismarck; her parents, Glen and Patsy of Trego, Montana; grandmother, Eliza-beth Otto, of Elgin, ND; siblings: Nicole (and Brian) Gislason, and their children Patricia and Kasey of Minneota, MN, Jason (and Brandee), and their children Brandon, Travis and Marilyn of Mandan, ND; special friends, Manda Bailey of Bismarck, ND, Jeff Levey of Benedict, ND, and 'Doc' of Wilton, ND; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends too numerous to mention.

She is preceded in death by her brother Nathaniel; and grandparents, Albert Otto, Clinton Diehl and Eleanor Diehl-Barber.