



Candace Marie Jackson

October 8, 1962 - April 22, 2024

Candace Jackson, 69, died on April 22, 2024, after several years battling multiple health issues. She is preceded in death by her mother, Betty L. Buchanan, and survived by her sisters, Sandy L. Holley, Pam Goodfleisch; brother-in-law, Robert Goodfleisch; nephew, Jacob Goodfleisch; and niece, Amy Goodfleisch Francis.

Candy worked for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for nearly 25 years. Over time she earned a position as team leader for SPARCS that she was especially proud of. She was so proud of that accomplishment that when illness forced her to move into a studio apartment in assisted living one of the few things she took with her was the wooden name plate from her desk. A particularly long surgical procedure caused her to lose the function of both kidneys which would require dialysis three times a week for the rest of her life. As a result, she had to give up the career she loved. A life change that extreme requires a special kind of strength to adjust to. Yet her adjustment appeared seamless. From the beginning she drove herself to and from dialysis alone as though she'd been doing it for years. It wasn't until the final weeks of her life that she admitted to me those first two weeks she had cried all the way there and all the way back.

Candace was outspoken with no volume control. You knew where you stood even if you didn't particularly want to be standing there. She was a mixed bag

for certain. But one word that would never apply, is boring. She was also an outrageous flirt. Any male nurse or aid caring for her this past year that she found attractive was likely to find himself blushing profusely. Often, she didn't even bother to put her teeth in before mercilessly hitting on them.

Candy's wish was to be remembered with a celebration of her life. I will reach out to her friends with a future date as soon as I have one. Thank you to everyone who has shown us such kindness during this painful time. It means a lot.