

**Janice Marie Kunkle**, Southern California artist and advertising executive, formerly of Leawood, KS, passed away August 4, 1999, in Venice, CA. She lost her valiant fight against lung cancer at age 52.

A memorial service for Jan will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 17, at The Colonial Church in Prairie Village, 7039 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS, 66208, 913-362-7735; burial of her ashes will be in Gardner, Kansas Cemetery, at a later date, during a private family ceremony.

Born May 2, 1947, in Salem, MA, Jan graduated from Shawnee Mission East High School, Prairie Village, KS, in 1965. She earned a degree in fine arts with a minor in journalism from the University of Kansas in 1970. She displayed an early talent for art and a flair for business. At the age of two, she already was experimenting with shapes of colored paper; the medium in which much of her adult work would appear. While in school, she also achieved national honors for her accomplishments as a participant in Junior Achievement. A resident of Southern California since 1970, Jan produced critically acclaimed artwork that appeared in numerous galleries and juried shows throughout the region, including exhibitions at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the Rental Gallery at the UCLA Armand Hammer Museum and Cultural Center. She also supported and participated in the Venice Art Walk - a fund raising exhibition founded to assist the Venice Free Clinic. Her career included account and project-management responsibilities at several multinational advertising agencies, as well as design firms and other related businesses in Los Angeles. She also worked in the production departments of several motion picture companies, and appeared on-screen in the productions of *Porky's* and *Porky's II: The Next Day*.

Jan Kunkle is survived by her mother, Cynthia Kunkle, Leawood, KS; her brother and sister-in-law, Jeffrey and Janet Kunkle, Garland, TX; and her cats, Poof and Jack. Her friends, neighbors, and colleagues said she will be remembered for her artistic energy and her talent for creating new friendships among the many people who knew her.