



Leslie Anne Whitaker

March 4, 2011

March 4, 2011, age 53 years. Resident of Milwaukee. Beloved husband of Michael Fendrich. Loving mother of Benjamin Hanan and Alexandra Mae Fendrich. Cherished daughter of Bernadine (nee Beerheide) Whitaker and the late Rev. W. Orin Whitaker. Dear sister of Sarah Whitaker (Sam Neiname). Daughter-in-law of Sue Gordon. Sister-in-law of Gail (Richard Salowey) Fendrich Salowey and Donald (Barbara Usher Fendrich) Fendrich. Further survived by aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, many friends and colleagues. In addition to being a devoted wife and mother, Leslie was an accomplished author, journalist, and teacher. Leslie was a former reporter for Time Magazine. The family lived in Oak Park, Illinois for 15 years, before moving to Milwaukee in 2006. As a lecturer in the UWM Department of English, Leslie developed innovative courses in creativity, blogging, and book writing. Honoring Leslie's work as an accomplished writer and dedicated teacher who nurtured creativity and embodied an abiding creative spirit, an award has been established in her name. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, those wishing to do so may donate to the Leslie Whitaker Memorial Award C/o Kathy J Doering-Kilkenny, P.O. Box 413, Department of English, UWM, Milwaukee, WI 53201 For information or to send an on-line condolence, email: nsfs@wi.rr.com Service & Reception Info A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday March 13 at 1:00 PM at Northshore Funeral Services, 3601 N. Oakland Ave., Shorewood, WI.