

**Spears, Cheryl Murray**  
East Lansing, MI

Cheryl died Sunday, September



5, 2004 after living with ovarian cancer for three years. She was born June 4, 1954, in Ann Arbor, MI, the daughter of Henry and Maxine (Saffell)

Murray. Growing up in Ann Arbor, she defied the inclination to teenage conformity, standing out among her many friends as a unique personality, participating in the founding Pioneer II, a predecessor of the current Community High. She moved to East Lansing and graduated from MSU in 1976. She worked professionally as the manager of Sam's clothing store in East Lansing. On September 9, 1989, she married John Randolph Spears, whom she loved dearly, together they had three wonderful children, Jennifer Murray, age 12; Harriet Anne and George Harrison, age 9. An avid sports fan, she played for the Beggars Banquet woman's softball team for 25 years until illness benched her. Throughout her life, she took tap lessons and introduced her daughters to dance. She was a scout leader, a parent, coach, creative cook, chauffeur and a soccer mom. An energetic and dedicated mother, she still found time to volunteer with the Friends of the East Lansing Public Library. Throughout her life, she enjoyed traveling with friends and family. Cheryl was known and loved for her wit, her cheerfulness and her caring nature. She was preceded in death by her parents and her mother-in-law, Merle. In addition to her husband and children, she is survived by sisters, Jan Guldbrandsen (Randall Ayers) of East Lansing, Lynn Lumbard of Ann Arbor; and Myra Piepenbrink (Richard) of Virginia; nieces, Sara Guldbrandsen, Molly Lumbard, Carrie and Ellen Piepenbrink, Diana Levy, Tamara Spears; nephews, Henry Lumbard and Brandon Spears; father-in-law, Dan Spears (Polly); sister-in-law Marcy; brother-in-law, Dan Jr.; and by many especially dear friends. Memorial services were held Tuesday, September 7, 2004 at the Peoples Church, 200 W. Grand River, East Lansing, with Rev. Alfred D. Deutsch of Grand Ledge officiating. Cheryl wanted to thank the many friends and neighbors who helped support her and her family over the past three yrs. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, 201 South Main, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 in memory of Cheryl Murray Spears.

**Coombe, Virginia**

Ann Arbor, MI

Age 87, passed away on August 17, 2004 at Heartland of Ann Arbor. She was born in Greensburg, PA, daughter of William and Gertrude (Campbell) McCarthy. Virginia worked for the Hudson & Muma Insurance Agency for over 30 years and her expertise in the area of home contents, jewelry, and collectibles made her one of the top insurance consultants in the area. Upon her retirement in 1989 Virginia moved from Troy to Ann Arbor where she served as president of the Domino Farms Seniors and did volunteer work at Matthai Botanical Gardens. Declining health prevented her from taking part in many activities in recent years but she enjoyed interacting with her many friends at Brookhaven Manor where she lived until just before her death. From the time she first became a grandmother she was known as "Grandma Ginnie" and she was lovingly called that name by family and friends alike. Her greatest pride and joy were her grandchildren, Anne (Michael) Anderzak, David (Deborah) Brady, Douglas Coombe and Jennifer (Mac) McNeilly; and her great grandchildren, Amy and Steven Anderzak, Jeremy and Dana Brady, and Elsa, Owen and Angus McNeilly. Virginia is also survived by her daughter Shirley (James) Brady and son Bill Coombe. She was preceded in death by her parents and infant daughter Bonnie Louise. Her generous spirit and wonderful Irish sense of humor will be remembered by all who knew her. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, September 12 at 2:00PM at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1500 Scio Church Rd., Ann Arbor. The family will receive visitors at a reception following the service. Private burial will be in Westminster Memorial Garden. Memorials may be made to the Westminster Church Memorial Gifts Committee. Envelopes will be available at the service. Arrangements by Muehlig Funeral Chapel. 734-663-3375.

**Hyland, Catherine H.**

Ypsilanti, MI

Catherine H. Hyland died on Saturday, September 4, 2004 at her residence with her loving family at her side. She was born January 29, 1924 in St. Clair, PA. She was the daughter of Luke and Antoinette (Fitzek) Myro. Surviving are her only daughter, Diane Briggman of Ypsilanti, MI, and four grandchildren, Kimberly of Germantown, MD, Brian of Dallas, TX, Kevin of San Diego, CA and Kathryn of Baltimore, MD. The Rite of Christian Burial will be

**IN MEMORIAM****MARIE MISURE**  
1-2-23 to 9-8-03

A million times we've needed you. A million times we've cried. If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died. In life we've loved you dearly, in death we love you still. In our hearts you hold a place, no one else will ever fill. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone. Part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

Love Your Husband,  
Your Children & Grandchildren

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