



Dawne Cathleen Kennedy

May 2, 1949 - December 7, 2012

Dawne Cathleen Kennedy, 63, of Portage, MI lost her battle against pancreatic cancer Friday, Dec. 7, 2012 at her home. She was born May 2, 1949 to Bela E. and Eleene Kennedy and was raised on her parent's farm near Bangor, MI. Dawne was proud of the fact that she graduated from 8th grade at the same one room schoolhouse as her father and grandfather. As a child she was active in 4-H, Van Buren County Folk Dancers and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. She graduated from Bangor High School and received a BA in Personnel Admin., from Michigan State University.

Her first position in HR was opening the Kalamazoo Center Inn, now the Raddison Hotel in downtown Kalamazoo. She was then an HR manager for Parker Hannifin Corp., in Otsego and Richland, followed by Ameriwood Industries in Dowagiac, MI. Dawne was employed at Kalamazoo College for eight years, where she worked in the Business Office and the L. Lee Stryker Center as an Admin. Ass't., until she retired.

In retirement Dawne traveled extensively with her husband, played golf, bridge and read many books. She also enjoyed her volunteer work at the Portage District Library.

She is survived by her husband of 28 years, James McGuire, a sister, Cindra (Dean) Bishop, a nephew, Nathan Bishop and many beloved cousins. Her parents preceded her in death.

Her body will be donated to University of Michigan for scientific research and

then cremated. D.L.Miller Funeral Home will be handling all arrangements www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com . Donations may be made to Rose Arbor Hospice in Kalamazoo, or Van Buren Youth Camp in Bloomingdale.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dawne (Cathy) was my closest cousin. I was very lucky to see her three different times this past year, all after her diagnosis. My last visit to Michigan was just after her death. Jim, Cindy and I got to share many memories, laughs, tears and hugs. I'll miss Dawne but treasure our times that we did have together.* ”

Judy Walton - December 17, 2012 at 12:56 PM



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Cindra Bishop - December 09, 2012 at 06:01 PM



“ *Debra Hooper sent a virtual gift in memory of Dawne Cathleen Kennedy* ”



debra hooper - December 09, 2012 at 03:13 AM

DH

“ I wasn't close to Kathy in school but I always admired her. She had class. I don't care who we were or where we were socially she treated everyone the same. Hard thing to do in high school. I remember her with a smile in my heart. I was so happy to spend a little time with her this summer. God bless all of you who are hurting. Donna Hauch Holland



Donna Hauch Holland - December 08, 2012 at 07:29 PM

RD

“ Rick Dillman lit a candle in memory of Dawne Cathleen Kennedy



Rick Dillman - December 07, 2012 at 07:53 PM

SM

“ Dawne was a dear friend from high school and early adult years, and I feel so blessed to have reconnected with her less than two years ago when I was visiting Michigan from our home in Colorado. I found her to be the same gracious and kind person I knew 40 years before, with such a warm and ready smile and cheery laugh. I will always cherish her as a gift to my life, and pray that Jim and Cindra, along with the rest of the family, know the peace of Jesus in these days and far beyond as you bear the loss of a great lady.

With my love,
Susie (Freestone) Marlette

Susie Freestone Marlette - December 07, 2012 at 04:04 PM

JR

Hi Susie: I was so shocked and saddened by Dawne's death. I would run into her in Kazoo from time to time.

Jeanne (Welder) Richardson

jean richardson - December 10, 2012 at 12:32 PM

CR

“Cathy was a wonderful friend of mine at Bangor High School. The world will miss such a kind and caring person. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Lee Robertson

Cynthia (Cindy) Lee Robertson - December 07, 2012 at 03:21 PM

LN

We are offering prayers for Dawne as she makes her way to her resting place and for peace and comfort to Jim and Cindy especially, as they grieve their wife and sister. We will miss her and appreciate the time we spent with her. With love, from cousin Laura, John, Steve and Joey Napora.

Laura Marie Napora - December 11, 2012 at 09:08 PM