

Arnel M. Bennett, 50, of Caseville, died early Monday morning, Sept. 3, 2012, at Covenant Cooper Hospital in Saginaw, of complications after the removal of a brain mass.

She was born June 25, 1962, in Cheyenne, Wyo., to Arnold and Nellie (Gage) Russell and came to Elkton as a baby.

Arnel was a 1980 graduate of Laker High School. She furthered her education at the HISD cosmetology program in Bad Axe and became a beautician, operating a business in her home. She had also worked as a waitress, first at the Franklin Inn, Bad Axe and then at her mother's restaurant, Country House in Caseville.

Arnel attended the Community Wesleyan Church in Elkton, as well as the River's Edge Church in Caseville. As she drew closer and closer to her Lord she was known to read her Bible until the pages were tattered, and filled her Bible with scrapes of paper filled with notes from meaningful studies and sermons.

She enjoyed reading, watching movies, playing games, doing puzzles, playing pool and bowling. Arnel was a good cook and baker, and loved to watch sunsets in Caseville.

Surviving are her daughter, Tinelle McKay; her mother, Nellie Parr of Elkton; father, Arnold (De De) Russell of Lake Township; three brothers, Wesley (Melinda) Russell, Chad (Maureen) Russell and Chris (April) Russell all of Goshen, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 7, 2012 at the Community Wesleyan Church in Elkton, with the Rev. William O'nan, pastor officiating.

Visitation will take place from 2 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 6 at the Champagne Funeral Chapel in Elkton and after 10 a.m. on Friday at the church.

Memorial gifts may be directed to an educational fund for Tinelle and words of condolence may be shared at www.cfcElkton.com.