

### **Fairchild-Ludington, Joann**

Joann Fairchild-Ludington, 57, of Grosse Pointe Shores died on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2002, at her home. She was the beloved wife of entrepreneur and philanthropist Ivan Ludington, Jr. and mother of Michael Ludington Fairchild, the wind beneath her wings, and sister of Diane Fairchild of GPS and John A. Fairchild Jr. and his wife, Anne, of Grand Rapids. Joann, also known as Jodi had a varied career. She worked for New York Magazine, the debut issue and first year of Ms Magazine with Gloria Stienem and was executive V.P. of PBAA, a national publishing trade association. "The 60's were a great time of joy and thought - the evolution of women had come to the forefront..." speech given by Joann in Fairbanks, Alaska. She turned her career thoughts to broadcasting after nursing her mother in Cleveland. Joann studied and received her FCC License. If you knew Jodi, you would know that when she was told she could never get a job in a top market and never in her choice of music, she did just that: country music WKSW, talk show host and news reporter with WJW and finally morning and afternoon traffic reporter. Jodi moved to Grosse Pointe in 1989 so that Michael could be closer to his father. She always said the 90s were the best. Her work was mostly volunteer. She dedicated the majority of her time to the Grosse Pointe School System. She was President of the Grosse Pointe North Parent's Club, Publisher and editor of the club's newsletter, co-chair of the 1996 All Night Party, and co-chair of Norsesemoms. She and her friend Lana Vrabal did take time out to write Dennis Archers newsletter "The Future is Now". She worked directly with Dennis, Freman Hendrix and Neddi Seabrooks. In addition to her husband, son, brother and sister, Joann is survived by niece Alexandria Fairchild; step-sons Dana and his wife, Judy, and their son, Ian Ludington; David and his wife, Karen, and their children David, Erin and Kathy; step-daughter, Susan and her husband, Randal, and their children Emily, Jennifer, and Katie. She was predeceased by step-granddaughter Kimberly Ann in the Spring of 2000. The memorial service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002, at Mariner's Church, 170 East Jefferson in Detroit, with the Rev. Richard W. Ingalls officiating. Burial will be in Ludington Cemetery in Harbor Beach. Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday and from 1 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday at Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. She will lie in state from 10 a.m. until the time of service on Saturday at the church. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation, 201 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI 48084; or Mariner's Church, 170 East Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48226.