JULIA KAY PRATT 1952 - 1999

Julia Kay Pratt, age 46, of rural Ubly died Tuesday evening, June 22, at her home following a long battle with cancer.

She was born September 24, 1952, in Pigeon, the second daughter of Wayne Knechtel and the late Audrey (Walsh) Knechtel. She grew up in Elkton and was a 1970 Laker High School graduate.

Julie was employed at Hamel Mfg. in Bad Axe for a while and has been with the Huron Daily Tribune for the past 17 years in the layout and design department.

She was very involved with her Bible and her love of the Lord, showing it by the care and compassion for all who came into her life. Welcoming kids in to her home was a joy to her, treating all as her own. Her love of nature shined through in the pride she took in her yard, gardening and the tenderness she had for animals.

She was a member of ABATE (American Bikers Aiming Toward Education) Region 7 Thumb area.

Surviving are her husband Dale of Ubly, her daughter, Carrie at home; her father, Wayne Knechtel of Bad Axe; one sister, Janice (Michael) Parker of Naperville, IL; her mother-in-law, Helen Pratt Rines of New Hampshire; a brother-in-law, Wayne (Deb) Pratt of Bad Axe; three sisters-in-law, Diana (Robert) Repp of Port Huron, Sharon (Robert) Haldane of Bad Axe and Vicky (Chuck) Knowlton of Port Huron; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her mother, Audrey Knechtel, last October and her father-in-law, Clarence Pratt in 1997.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 AM Saturday, June 26, at the First Presbyterian Church, Bad Axe. Rev. John Dykshoon, pastor will officiate with burial in Colfax Twp. Cemetery, Bad Axe.