

Tschirhart, Joyce E.

Joyce Elaine (nee Krohn) Tschirhart, 71, an Elkton native and long-time Plymouth resident, died of intestinal cancer on Monday, April 3, 2006, at her home with her family by her side. "Our mother was a very driven woman in business and family affairs - she really had the heart of a lioness," her son, Mark, said. "But she was also a kind, generous and religious woman. She didn't wear her Catholic faith on her sleeve, she lived it." She had a very successful career as a realtor, having sold hundreds of homes over 33 years with Dibble Realty, William Decker Realtors, Robert Bake Realty, and Coldwell Banker Schweitzer - Bake Realty. She and her husband of 50 years, James, enjoyed traveling throughout the United States, Europe, and the Caribbean. She enjoyed entertaining, having hosted many holiday gatherings, card clubs and bible study groups through the years. A 40-year member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth, she was very active in parish affairs and served as a Eucharistic minister. In addition to her husband, James, she is survived by her children, Dr. James (Jill) Tschirhart M.D., Chief of Surgery at Saginaw's St. Mary Hospital and Professor of Surgery for Michigan State University, Patricia (Thomas) Spangler, a clinical psychologist in Bethesda, Maryland, Dr. Robert (Jacalyn Green, Ph.D.) Tschirhart Ph.D., a nuclear particle physicist at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Chicago, Mark Tschirhart, a technical writer for Del Medical Systems in Chicago, Philip Tschirhart, a science teacher at Leonardtown High School in Leonardtown, Maryland, and Dr. John (Karen Wang, M.D.) Tschirhart, M.D., a surgeon at the Swedish Medical Center in Seattle, Washington. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren and her sister, Phyllis Tamblyn, of Elkton. She was preceded in death by her parents, Howard Krohn and Mame McGinnis Krohn and her beloved brother, Gary Krohn. A Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2006, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth, with the Rev. John J. Sullivan officiating. Visitation will be conducted from 3 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (between Sheldon and Beck). She will lie in state on Thursday at 10 a.m. until the Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. at the church. Interment will be in Glen Eden Memorial Park Cemetery, 35667 Eight Mile Road, Livonia. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154.