

St. John, Donna

Donna L. St. John, 61, of Caseville, died Friday afternoon, June 14, 2002 at her home following a short illness. She was born Nov. 28, 1940 in Hazel Park, the only child of the late LeRoy and Dorothy (Collis) Ainsley. On March 19, 1960, she was united in marriage to Michael St. John at St. Andrew Catholic Church, Rochester. They lived and raised their family in Madison Heights and had been visiting Caseville since 1972. In 1990, they moved and made their home in Caseville. Two years later they built and opened the Cozy Cafe in downtown Caseville. They sold it and opened Shakers in 1998, where you could find Donna dipping ice cream and visiting with customers. She and her family enjoyed working and being a part of their community. She loved her family and friends, work, her dog, "Suzie Q," bird watching, playing cards, and gambling. Surviving are her husband, Michael; her children, Ronald and Denise St. John, Jerry and Connie St. John, and Dawn and Ken Urick, all of Caseville; her grandchildren, Amanda St. John, Scott St. John, and Christopher and Marcie Papkey. Preceding her in death was one son, Michael, in 1988. A funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, June 17, 2002, at St. Roch Catholic Church, Caseville. The Rev. Fr. Kenneth Yaroach, pastor, will officiate with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Caseville, and after 10 a.m. Monday at the church. Messages can be left for the family at www.CFCcaseville.com. Memorials may be given to Scheurer Hospital.