

## **Damrow, Deann R.**

(April 24, 1936 - June 11, 2010)

Deann Ruth Damrow went home to be with the Lord, Friday morning, June 11, after a long battle with cancer. She was the daughter of the late Donald and Florence (Wichert) Osborne in Chandler Twp. Following her father's early passing, Deann was raised in the Elkton area by her mother and devoted uncle and aunt, Homer and Lila Bouck. Deann attended the Malpass country school, Elkton elementary, high school and was an alumna of Central Michigan University. In 1959, she was united in marriage to Donald E. Damrow, son of William and Mary Damrow. Don was a local banker for 37 years and preceded her in death in 2008. After their marriage they lived north of Kinde for seven years and moved to Elkton in 1966. They had three children, Kevin (Linda) of Bad Axe, Kurt (Kim) of Kinde and Kelli (Tom) Yaroch of Gainesville, FL; grandchildren, Trista (Jason) Bucholtz, Morgan, Whitney, Sophia, Cody, Boden, and Sawyer and a great grandson Kian. During her illness Deann had great support from her friends, neighbors, church family and especially her brothers and sisters-in-law, Bob and Joyce Damrow of Kinde and Bill and Marilyn MacAlpine of Bad Axe, plus many nieces and nephews. Deann was a member of the Elkton United Methodist Church, where she loved decorating, singing, making prayer shawls, teaching, and attending ladies Bible study. She was a past delegate to annual conference and was a certified Lay speaker. She sang with the Thurlo Spur Michigan, Ohio choir. In 1975, she wrote and directed the script for the Elkton Diamond Jubilee. She was a member of the Red Hat's and past member of Club 59 and Elkton PTA. Deann was instrumental in starting the boy scouts and a den mother for many years. She loved to read, collect antique jewelry and Depression glass. Deann had many jobs throughout her life; a housekeeper for the Alexander's at 11, clerk at Colgan's Dress Shop and at the funeral home at 13 and a telephone operator at 16. In the later years, she worked at the Carriage House Flowers, 20 years as a paraprofessional at Laker High and Laker Junior High Librarian. Some of her favorite jobs were coaching skits, dramatic and interpretive reading for competition in academic track, and the many years she chaperoned the eighth grade trip to Washington DC. She was the junior high cheerleading coach and also created and ran the junior high fun nights. Of her illness and imminent passing she said: I will return to the place that God has prepared for me with excitement and anticipation at seeing my Lord and loved ones... Always have hope God; is in control! Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 AM Monday, June 14 at the Elkton United Methodist Church. Rev. Craig Pillow, Pastor and Rev. Dee Dee Russell will officiate with burial in Grandlawn Cemetery.

