

Clark, Joleen

Joleen S. (Wallace) Clark passed over to eternal life on Sunday, August 31, 2003, after a courageous struggle with ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease. Joleen was born June 4, 1935 to the late Chet and Hazel (Porter) Wallace of Clare. She married Hugh Clark on June 23, 1957 in Clare and they made Harbor Beach their home. Joleen was actively involved in the community through Jaycettes and the United Methodist Church. She was also involved in the Scouting program, serving as both a den mother and Brownie leader as well as supporting Hugh's work as a Boy Scout leader for 30 plus years. She especially appreciated Hugh's passion for carving and was the recipient for 25 plus years of his many caricatures. Joleen retired in 1996 after working 25 years for Hercules, Inc. and its successors. The greatest joys in Joleen's life were her marriage and raising her three children. As grandchildren came along, she cherished time with them and they looked forward with great anticipation to her visits. Joleen will be most remembered for her talents in the kitchen and how she shared her gifts with others. When a new family moved into the neighborhood or another family was in need, her Heath Bar coffee cake or a meal was on its way. Hugh and Joleen enjoyed spending time out-of-doors. Their love of canoeing led them to spend the past 15 years actively involved in the Wooden Canoe Heritage Association, an organization dedicated to the preservation and heritage of wooden canoes. When she wasn't canoeing, Joleen could often be found on the golf course, an activity she enjoyed with family and friends. Joleen deeply appreciated the love and support that she received from family and friends during her illness, and she will long be remembered as a loving and joyful wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Joleen is survived by her husband, Hugh; children, Don and his wife, Lynne, of Pulaski, Va., Valerie Gerhart and her husband, Bruce, of Midland, and Kathy Richter and her husband, Warren, of Rockford; brothers, Bob, Don and his wife, June, and Roger Wallace and his wife, Diana; seven grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was greeted in heaven by her parents; in-laws; and her close friend, Helen Bosch. A service of remembrance will be conducted on Saturday, September 13, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. at the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach with the Rev. Clarence VanConant officiating. Cremation has taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City. Visitation with the family will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to The Harbor Beach Lighthouse Preservation Society, the United Methodist Church of Harbor Beach or the Heartland Hospice.