

Parks, Melinda

Melinda Parks, 32, of Laingsburg, died Friday, March 31, 2000, at her home following a three-year battle with cancer. She was born on Dec. 8, 1967, in Detroit. She and Alan Hooper were married on Feb. 22, 1995, in Mason. Melinda was a 1986 graduate of North Huron High School. She attended Michigan State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1994. She enjoyed animals, reading and gardening. She also loved painting, drawing and spending time at the beach. She is survived by her husband, Alan; her son, Jack; her parents, John and Anna Parks of Port Austin; one sister, Luann Parks and her husband, Jim Hass, and their son, Charlie Hass, of Bad Axe; one brother, Dean Parks and his son, Luke, of New Baltimore; her maternal grandmother, Eleanor Kosinski; her paternal grandmother, Frances Parks; godparents, Alice Craig and George Parks; several nieces and nephews; and her dog, Bear. She was preceded in death by her brother, Charles B. Parks. Mass of the Resurrection will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, 2000, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Rev. John Weiss will officiate. Cremation will follow. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Knoblock Funeral Home and from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at the church. A wake service will at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the funeral home. Memorials may be made out to Hospice or the Humane Society.