

Florence LaBelle Thoke
(March 27, 1938-April 11, 2011)

Florence LaBelle Thoke, 73, passed away Monday, April 11, 2011 at Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

Florence was born March 27, 1938, the daughter of the late Helen (Pechette) and William Joseph LaBelle.

She graduated from North Huron High School in Kinde, and Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Dietetics. She was a member of the American Dietetics Association and the California Dietetics Association. Florence was united in marriage with William Thoke in Chicago, Ill. on April 10, 1970. She began her career as a dietitian in Detroit at the Stouffer's Top of the Flame Restaurant and continued with the Stouffer's Company in Chicago, where she worked until the death of her husband in 1986. Florence then moved to California and continued her professional career at the Eisenhower Medical Center until her retirement. Florence will be remembered for her gourmet cooking and her love of the Detroit Tigers and Chicago Bears.

Florence is survived by three sisters and their spouses, Helen L. and Richard Wolfgang of Petoskey, Suzanne M. and Jerry Lasceski of Fairgrove, M. Jean and Alan Friend of St. Johns; three nieces, Nina Lasceski of Midland, Nancy Chambers and her husband, Bradley, of Petoskey, Julie Friend of East Lansing; two nephews, Karl Wolfgang of Basalt, Co. and Marc Lasceski and his wife, Natilie, of Lake Orion; great-nieces, Hannah, Eleanor and Sydney Chambers and Claire Lasceski; two great-nephews, Mitchell and Jack Lasceski.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one brother.

The family wishes to thank her Rancho Mirage neighbors for all their kindness.

In keeping with Florence's wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service in celebration of her life will be conducted at 7 p.m. May 9, 2011 at the Mountain View Club House in Rancho Mirage, Calif. The family was assisted with these arrangements by the Ransford Funeral Home of Caro.

Donations may be made in her memory to the Mary S. Roberts Cat Adoption Center, 6165 Industrial Avenue, Riverside, California 92504.

Friends may share memories, thoughts and prayers online at www.ransfordfuneralhome.com.