

Finkel, Diane L.

Diane Lynn Finkel, 62, of Port Hope and Clinton Township, died Saturday, June 6, 2009, at Lakeview Extended Care and Rehab in Harbor Beach, following an extended illness.

She was born Dec. 5, 1946, in Harbor Beach to Wayne and Doris (Shubitowski) Peterson.

She married Marvin Finkel on May 15, 1965 at St. John Lutheran Church in Port Hope.

Diane Finkel was a graduate of the Port Hope Community School. She graduated magna cum laude from Macomb County Community College with a degree in nursing. Her nursing duties were varied. She worked at Harper Grace Hospital in Detroit, first in a unit devoted exclusively to the care and comfort of patients in their final days and later with patients receiving cancer research medications. She taught nursing classes from the L'anse Creuse School District and she worked for a nursing service, which took her to many hospitals and manufacturing plants in the Detroit metropolitan area. She had a reputation of being a patient advocate.

Diane Finkel was an adventurer. Over the years her hobbies included world travel, deer hunting, riding dirt bikes with her husband, and scuba diving with her sister. She was a nature lover. She always had a smile on her face when the squirrels, deer, raccoons, geese, and turkeys visited her yard and the hummingbirds came to her window. As the years went by she found she was less apt to shoot at a deer than to just enjoy watching it. Family, friends, patients, and their families all benefited from her quick wit, encouragement, and support, which was a source of strength and inspiration. She was a member of the Grindstone-Port Hope Sportsmen's Club.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin, of Port Hope; two daughters, Michele (Michael) Youngs of Shelby Township and Wendy of Ferndale; a sister, Karen (Charlie) Vincent of Horseshoe Bay, Texas; stepmother, Emma Peterson of Port Hope; three aunts, Agatha Conboy of Portland, Oregon; Clara Turner of Huron, S. D., and Patricia Veal (Thomas) of Harbor Beach; one uncle, Lee (Johanna) Shubitowski of Walpole, Mass., in-laws, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services for Diane Finkel will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 in St. John Lutheran Church in Port Hope. The Rev. Gregory Eilers, pastor will officiate.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday at the Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach, and from 10 a.m. until the time of service Wednesday at the church. A scripture service will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home. Burial will take place at the Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church or School, the Alzheimer's Association, the American Cancer Society, or to the charity of donor's choice.