

**Aiello, Lillian A.**

Lillian A. Aiello, 69, of Port Austin, died Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at the Greenfield Rehab and Nursing Center in Royal Oak.

She was born Aug. 14, 1939 in Ferndale, daughter of the late Joseph and Ella (Pesek) Mendrick. She and Antonio Aiello were married Oct. 6, 1966. He preceded her in death April 16, 1996.

Lillian worked as an RN at Detroit's Sinai Hospital. She and her husband moved from Dearborn to Port Austin in July of 1982, and she then worked at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. Lillian was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin, where she was a cantor. She enjoyed music and the theater.

She is survived by her sister, Helen (Don) Brannan of Royal Oak; her brother, Edward (Carol) Mendrick of Royal Oak; seven nieces and nephews, Michael Brannan, Thomas Brannan, Paul Mendrick, Mary Johnson, Suzanne Pantelone, Barbara Mendrick and Patricia Mendrick; and her close friends, Chris Robbins and Jerry Bowron.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Robert, Richard and Stanley Mendrick.

Funeral Mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 2, 2009 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be conducted from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the church. There will be a Rosary at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.