

## **Gielow, Ruby Jo**

Ruby Jo "Jo Mama" Gielow, 61, died Sunday, August 31, 2003, at Providence Extended care in Anchorage, Alaska after a short illness. Ms. Gielow was born October 23, 1941 in Mount Clemens to Thomas and Clara Struth. She came to Alaska in 1986, first living in Anchorage for 10 years and then Willow for the past seven years. She had worked for Hope Cottages of Anchorage and Mat-Su Services of Wasilla. Her family wrote: "Jo Mama was a believer in the Lord. She loved rabbits of all kinds and enjoyed helping others. Jo Mama loved working with people with disabilities, especially children. Jo Mama had a big, loving heart, and her family was very important to her. She was very proud of all of them. Between her red hair, big smile, and prominent laughter, she could always bring a smile to your face." Ms. Gielow is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Carmen Wren, of Regina, Saskatchewan, and Charles "Chuck" and Mary Gielow, of Sutton, Alaska; daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Robert Nelson, of Anchorage; grandchildren, Emilie Wren, William and Heather Burke, Sarah Nelson, Johnathan Babcock and wife, Jennifer, Marcy Farris and husband, Mike; great-grandchildren; Kaleb Babcock and Brielle Farris. Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Pets, P.O. Box 240981, Anchorage, Alaska, 99524. A memorial service was conducted Saturday at the Baxter Bible Church. The Rev. Bob Mather officiated. A memorial service will be today at Hillcrest Cemetery in Bossier City, Louisiana. Cards may be sent to Susan Nelson, P.O. Box 230305, Anchorage, Alaska, 99523. Ms. Gielow made her own arrangements with Kehl's Forest Lawn Mortuary and Crematory.