

Houthoofd, Brenda M.

Brenda Marie Houthoofd, 51, of Sandusky, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, Jan. 30, 2009 following a one-year illness.

She was born May 14, 1957 in Pigeon, daughter of Wilmer and Helen (Vollmer) Nimitz. She was a 1975 graduate of Unionville-Sebewaing Area High School.

Brenda and Evan Houthoofd were united in marriage Dec. 11, 1976 in Sebewaing. She had been employed at the Pizza Hut Restaurant in Sandusky for 24 years before becoming ill. Brenda was a member of Life Song Church of Snover. She enjoyed crafting, cooking, gardening and loved her many animals, and was happiest when serving others. She was known fondly by her mother as "Sweet Pea!"

Surviving are her husband, Evan, of Sandusky; parents, Wilmer and Helen Nimitz of Sebewaing; two sisters, Peggy (Duane) Scharich of Unionville and Lori (Rocky) Joles of Sebewaing; two brothers, Tom (Michelle) Nimitz and Michael (Laura) Nimitz, all of Sebewaing; special nieces, Melissa Carpenter and Heather Joles; as well as other nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009 at the Dinkle-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing. Pastor Mike Smith will officiate with burial at St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Sebewaing.

Friends may call from 2 to 9 p.m. Monday, and from 9 a.m. until the time of service Tuesday, at the funeral home in Sebewaing.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Family Discretionary Fund. For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever Believes in him shall not perish but will have eternal life. (NIV) John 3:16