

Deanna Joy Sommerfeld, 75, of Lake Ann, passed away at home on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013, following a long battle with Alzheimer's and breast cancer.

Deanna was born on Nov. 4, 1937, in Pontiac, to Alex and Beulah Parker. The family moved to Bad Axe when she was young. Deanna married her high school sweetheart in August 1964, Owen Sommerfeld, and they were just short of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Deanna was a very talented vocalist, singing at high school functions and many weddings. She worked for General Motors in Detroit and sang in the GM Chorus.

Deanna was a cancer crusader in Benzie County for several years. She was also the Benzie chair person. When Owen retired from the Michigan State Police, they traveled extensively for a year going to many antique shows, shops and sales. In 1990, they started as dealers in Wilson Antiques in Traverse City.

Surviving Deanna is her husband, Owen; four sisters, Gail (Jim) Millgard of Port Austin, Charlene (Phil) McBride of Elkton, Lori Parker of Bad Axe, and Renee (Larry) Pulcer of Harbor Beach; brother-in-law, Lynn (Kay) Sommerfeld of Wyoming; two special nieces, Meghann and Lindsey Pulcer of Saginaw; and numerous other nieces, nephews and cousins.

Family services will take place in the spring in Bad Axe.

Deanna is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Bonnie; and brother-in-law, Ralph Gottschalk.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Benzie County Animal Shelter in Beulah.

Please sign Deanna's online guestbook at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Traverse City.