

Melnik, Reneé A.

Reneé Ann Melnik, 20, of Ubly, passed away Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009 from injuries sustained in a snowmobile accident. She was surrounded by her family and friends at Covenant Cooper Health Care Center in Saginaw.

Reneé was born Nov. 15, 1988 in Harbor Beach, daughter of Ronald and Cynthia (Mierendorff) Melnik.

Reneé graduated in the top 12 from Ubly High School in 2007, where she was a member of the National Honor Society and played many sports. She worked at Verona Golf Course, Parkside Café and Lucky B's Restaurant.

Reneé was attending Howard Beauty Academy in Caro where she would have graduated Feb. 19, 2009. She received her diploma posthumously. Reneé loved snowmobiling, drag racing, reading, scrapbooking, playing sports, camping and her cats, especially, Wicked, Blue and Goober. Reneé enjoyed life and lived it to the fullest.

She is survived by her parents, Ron and Cindy Melnik of Ubly; one sister, Courtney Melnik of Ubly; three brothers, RJay Melnik of Ubly, Mike Melnik and his wife, Bonnie, of Lowell, and Jason Melnik and his significant other, Jenna Bristol, of Lowell; one niece, Alyssa Melnik; one nephew, Carter Melnik; maternal grandfather, William Mierendorff of Elkton; maternal grandmother, Patricia Wickins of Elkton; paternal grandmother, Catherine Heck and her husband, Emil, of Ubly; maternal great-grandmother, Isabell Steenburg of St. Ignace; her aunts and uncles, Don and Michelle Melnik, Chuck Melnik, Patty and Ray Cole, Jim Melnik (special friend, Diane Stothard), Gary and Brenda Melnik, Ken and Leslie Melnik, Maureen Gentner, Heidi and Rob Guigar; special friends, Ryan Sweet and Nick Wrubel; and several cousins and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Henry Melnik; aunt, Tammy Cutcher; and maternal great-grandfather, Creighton Steenburg.

Funeral Mass for Reneé will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009 at St. Columbkille Catholic Church, Sheridan Corners. The Rev. Joseph Griffin, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the spring.

Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, 1 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, and 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Thursday at Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly. Parish vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.