Suzanne Mary (Power) Dervishian

Suzanne Mary (Power) Dervishian, 60, passed away Monday, Jan. 10, 2011 peacefully in her home.

She was born July 5, 1950 in Bad Axe, the daughter of Mark and Mary Power.

Suzanne was a kidney transplant recipient and with great care it lasted for 28 years. She worked for the Leader Dog for the Blind and through the years had two leader dogs of her own, Shadow and Cally.

In her 40's she went back to college to become a massage therapist, specializing in reflexology. She always said, "my hands are my eyes." She truly enjoyed providing this service for people.

Suzanne lived the last year of her life on her own, this was a wish she had for many years after becoming blind. Realizing the medical marvel she was and considering how long she had lived, Suzanne always had requested to be donated for scientific research.

She is survived by her parents, Mark and Mary Power; sisters, Patricia Monaco and Evrene (Rick) Janes; brother, Richard (Anita) Power; sister-in-law, Patti Power; 13 nieces and nephews; and 10 great-nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her brothers Jerry Power and Kenneth Power.

In keeping with her wishes, Suzanne was donated to Anatomy Gift Registry for scientific research.

Memorial donations may be made in her honor to the Leader Dog for the Blind or Juvenile Diabetes Association.

There will be private service at a later date.