



SHIRLEY ANN CUNNINGHAM 1936 - 1995

Shirley A. Cunningham, 59, co-owner of Ron's Party Store in Elkon, died Sunday afternoon, Nov. 12 at her home, following a long battle with cancer.

She was born April 27, 1936 in Detroit, to Lucille (Smith) Murphy and the late James Murphy. On Nov. 8, 1958 she was united in marriage to Ronald B. Cunningham in Detroit. In 1970, they moved to Elkon. Three years later, they bought Rex's Store on Main Street, renaming it Ron's Party Store.

Shirley was a member of St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon. She was very active in the community and the Elkon Chamber of Commerce, chairing the AutumnFest a number of years. She enjoyed life and raising her family in a small town and gave back more than her share of kindness and caring to Elkon.

Surviving are her husband Ron; five children, Ann (Jim) LaPage of McHenry, Il, Mary (Tom) Oesch of Cass City, Cathy (Tim) Nee of Wauconda, Il, Dave (Debbie) Cunningham of Elkon and Jean Cunningham of McHenry, Il; five grandchildren; her mother Lucille Murphy of White Lake; two brothers, James (Nancy) Murphy of White Lake and Larry (Margaret) Murphy of Grossa Il; two sisters, Joan (James) Sall of Grand Haven and Jean Murphy of White Lake.

She was preceded in death by her son, Ronald, on Dec. 25, 1981.

A funeral mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15 at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church. Rev. Fr. Dennis Kucharczyk, pastor of St. Roch, will officiate, with burial in St. Francis Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkon, from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday.

Memorials may be given to Friends of Life Hospice or the American Cancer Society.