

Witherspoon, Christine L.

Our loving daughter, sister, aunt and friend, Christine L. Witherspoon, of Bay City, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, October 28, 2006, at the age of 58 years. She was born June 19, 1948 in Bad Axe. Chris was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. She received a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, her master's degree from University of Maryland and she retired from the University of Maryland as the director of administrative services. She was a research librarian at the James-O-Hall Research Center for the Surratt Society. Chris was passionate about cooking, Civil War History, and especially her great-nephew, Darien. She also enjoyed spending time with her craft group friends from Bay City and Maryland. Chris is survived by her father and stepmother, Louis and Helen Witherspoon, of Port Austin; one sister, Barbara (Daniel) Gudschinsky; two nieces, Tracy Gudschinsky and Nicole Gudschinsky; and one great-nephew, Darien King, all of Bay City. The family would like to extend a special thank you to her special loving friend, Jan Reinig. She was predeceased by her mother, Dorothy Witherspoon, on August 27, 1994; and one nephew, Michael Gudschinsky. A Memorial Liturgy will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2006, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Celebrant will be the Rev. Fr. Robert S. Gohm. At the request of Christine, cremation has taken place and her ashes will be buried in Floral Gardens Cemetery. The family will be present at the church on Thursday to meet family and friends from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. Memorial cards for the wishes of the family will be available. Arrangements are being made by Gephart Funeral Home, Inc. in Bay City.