

**Gruber, Lori L.**

Lori Lynne Gruber, 47, of Cass City, died after a short illness on Wednesday, April 5, 2006, in her home with her family at her side. She was born June 21, 1958 in Cass City to Edward and Reva (Hutchinson) Dillon, Jr. She married William John Gruber on June 4, 1974 in Caro. Lori graduated from Cass City High School in 1976. She was a seamstress, creating beautiful wedding gowns and prom dresses. Lori was a beautiful interior decorator. She refinished furniture and would redecorate entire houses for many clients. Lori was a champion Scrabble player. She was a fabulous cook and cake decorator, making creative, age-appropriate cakes for each of her grandchildren. She was a "Super" mom. Her six grandsons meant the world to her. Lori was a generous helpful person, always willing to lend a helping hand. Lori is survived by her devoted husband, Bill; loving children, Angie Gruber, of Cass City, Tara (Jeff) Ludwig, of Almont, William (Kelly) Gruber, Jr., of Gagetown, Lacey (friend, Chuck Hughes) Gruber, of Caro; grandchildren: Taylor, Drew, Mitchell, Blake, Brock and Trysten; mother, Reva Dillon, of Cass City; brother, Patrick (Cheryl) Dillon, of Cass City; sisters, Kimberly (friend, Henry) Buehrly, of Davison, Kerry (George) Baumgartner, of Unionville, Becky (Joe Cooper) O'Harris, of Holland, Kelly (Scott) Conrad, of Cass City; father-in-law, John (Velma) Gruber, of Dothan, Alabama; brother-in-law, Michael (Doreen) Gruber, of Jacksonville, Florida; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. She is preceded in death by her father, Edward Dillon Jr., grandparents, Ed Dillon, Sr., Beatrice Bohan, Iva Peterson, and John Peterson; nephew, Derik Dillon; mother-in-law, Eula Gruber; brother-in-law, Joseph Gruber. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 8, 2006, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor Robert Sweeney, of Cass City Missionary Church, officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com). Memorials may be made to Family Discretionary Fund.