

Kolar, Jennifer A.

Jennifer Anne Kolar, 36, died peacefully in her childhood home surrounded by the love of her life and her family on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Jenn was born in Bad Axe, Michigan, on October 17, 1973, and lived her ideal childhood on the 120-acre farm with the big apple tree in Ubly, Michigan. She attended St. Mary's Catholic School, excelled at Ubly High School, and graduated MSU in 1995 to live her life creatively.

After graduation, she traveled the world, and spent time in New York, Chicago, London, Paris and the Czech Republic. She enjoyed the outdoors, and was a conscientious steward of nature (and chickens).

Carrying on her memory are her loving partner, Matthew Murphy of Chicago; her parents, Albert and Dorothy Kolar of Ubly; her siblings, Nanette and Rodney Walsh of Ubly, Linda and Dan Bair of Romeo, Mikki Kolar and Glenn Howland of Ferndale, Claude and Christine Kolar of Unionville; her partner's parents, Jim and Beth Ann Murphy of Grand Rapids; her partner's siblings, Jameson Murphy and Nina Bressler of Prague, Czech Republic; her nephews and nieces, Joshua and Trista Parker, Alex, Tori, and C4C Clark Walsh, Dylan and Natasha Bair, and Lauren, Camryn and Brooke Kolar.

Jenn's love of genealogy was born from the history of her grandparents Sylvester and Anthonette Rutkowski, and Lewis and Susan Kolar and Emma Kolar.

Visitation is at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly on Friday, April 9 from 1 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. There will be a rosary by St. Mary's Men's Club at 4 p.m. on Friday and a parish vigil service at 7 p.m.

A celebration of Jenn's life will take place with a catholic Mass at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 10 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Parisville, Michigan. The Rev. Peter Nwokoye, pastor will officiate.

In lieu of donations or flowers, Jenn would like us to please plant a tree, take a walk with a loved one, or donate to a charity close to your heart.