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# KATHRYN LOUISE (HARBAUER) COPI



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Age 57, passed away February 18, 2008. She was born December 11, 1951, in Detroit. She recently retired from the Detroit Public Schools after many years of teaching pre-school and kindergarten at the Fairbanks School. She lived in Ann Arbor and commuted everyday. Her life was dedicated to the care and encouragement of young people in furthering their abilities and growing hope where often there was none. A devout Catholic, she enjoyed a close spiritual relationship with the Lord and dedicated her life to fulfilling the guidelines laid down by the Church. An animal lover, she was caring and protective of her cats and dogs. She often expended much of her strength and resources to rescuing animals in distress. She was also intensely dedicated to her family, and will be missed for her intelligent

advice and good humor. She was politically astute and involved in seeking change toward equity and equality for all people. A champion in the kitchen, her culinary delights were enjoyed by family and neighbors alike. Her love of art and beautiful things provided her with many happy hours in creative pursuits, and allowed her to maintain a positive outlook on life even in the face of failing health. She is survived by a brother, John Harbauer, and a sister, Mary Neault. She had a lifelong relationship with her loving husband, William, who also survives her. The generosity she showed toward both family and strangers and good will she exhibited toward all will be missed by everyone who knew her. Contributions to the Huron Valley Humane Society in her name are encouraged. Services will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Ann Arbor, on February 25, at 10:00 a.m. Interment to follow at Forest Hill Cemetery. Following the burial of her remains, a gathering will occur at the City Club of Ann Arbor on Washtenaw Ave. Valet parking is available. Arrangements by Muehlig Funeral Chapel, Ann Arbor.

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## MEMORIAL EVENTS

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