

DOROTHY 'DOTTY' KASTURA

Aug. 28, 1943 - April 26, 2004

Dorothy C. Kastura, 60, 4004 Pleasant Drive, Kokomo, passed away 1:55 p.m. Monday, April 26, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital. On the morning of April 24, Dotty was taken to St. Joseph emergency room after being discovered unconscious in her home. She never regained consciousness. Her organs were donated per her wishes. Born Aug. 28, 1943, in Milwaukee, Wis., Dotty was the daughter of Richard and the late Lavern Miller.

She was a graduate of St. Mary's Academe in Milwaukee. In 1966, she married John Kastura in Greendale, Wis. In December 1972, Dotty moved to Kokomo with her husband and two children, Judy and Robert.

While her children were young, she was a dedicated stay-at-home mother who became a leader in Cub Scouts and Brownies. After her daughter Judy lost her kidneys during high school, Dotty's main goal became her support. This dedication was evidenced by the fact that Judy remained active and graduated second in her 1986 class at Western High School. Following graduation Dotty donated one of her kidneys to Judy in an unsuccessful transplant attempt. Despite this setback and due to her mother's support, Judy went on with her education at Purdue University. At times she was too weak to make it to class on her own and had to be driven by Dotty. Judy eventually went on to receive her degree in industrial engineering. Sadly, following 16 years of kidney dialysis and numerous surgeries, Judy died Dec. 24, 2000.

During her professional career, Dotty worked for Manpower and was awarded Secretary of the Year. She then worked at Kokomo Spring and finally Delphi/Delco Electronics. In spite of the challenges presented by a major movement disorder over the last 10 years, she continued to work at Delco Electronics until her retirement on April 1, 2001.

In the face of the limitations of her movement disorder, following her retirement she enjoyed traveling with her husband to a variety of locations including London, Paris, Alaska, New York and Orlando.

Surviving Dotty are her father Richard, her husband John, and her son Robert. She is also survived by her two sisters, Kate Bond and Marry Holmes; and her three brothers Richard, Mark and Peter. She will be missed by her friends, neighbors and her cats that she loved.

Services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, 2097 W. Alto Road, with the Rev. Brian Doerr officiating. Entombment will be in Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery privately. Friends may call 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the American Kidney Association.

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