

Joan L. Kau

March 27, 1941 - Feb. 18, 2004

Joan L. Kau, 62, of Waukesha, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at her home after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She was born March 27, 1941, in Waukesha, to Lester and Erna (nee Dobratz) Ludke.

In 1959 she graduated from Mukwonago High School, then Sept. 26, 1959, she married Robert Kau. For eight years, in the late '70s and early '80s, she worked at Northview County Home. For the next 18 years she worked at Minco in Hartland. She has been a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church since 1998 and always enjoyed her membership in the Wagabon's Camping Club.

She will be sadly missed by her husband of 44 years, Robert of Waukesha, along with their children, Richard (Debra) Kau, Ronald (Karen) Kau, Julie Kau, Randy (Lori) Kau, Jackie (Randy) Nowers and Robbie (Michele) Kau, all of Waukesha. She was the beloved grandmother of Eric, Ryan, Calin, Mandy, Ashley, Josh, Allison, Nathan, Garrett, Rebecca, Nicky, Christina, Madalyn, Joey, Tito and Shaun; dear sister of Beverly Pontel of Rhinelander, Candy (Dan) Pasterski of Oak Creek, Sue (Bill) Wiemer of Eagle and James (Pam) Ludke of White-water; and sister-in-law of Arnie Hilmer of Montello and Karl Miller of Mukwonago. She is further survived by other relatives and many friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Donna Hilmer and Shirley Miller.

Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, at Randle-Dable Funeral Home, 1110 S. Grand Ave., Waukesha. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Prayers will begin at 9:15 a.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at the funeral home, followed by the procession to St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 2400 Highway 59, for the funeral Mass at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Don Zerkel officiating. Graveside services will follow at Holy Apostles Cemetery.

Memorials in her name are appreciated to the American Cancer Society, N19-W24350 Riverwood Drive, Waukesha, WI 53188, or Rolland Nelson Crossroads Hospice, 1020 James Drive, Hartland, WI 53029.

For further information, call Randle-Dable Funeral Home at 547-4035 or visit online at www.randedablefuneralhome.com.

(Freeman - Feb. 20, 2004)