

ANNE THERESE NAFFIE MIRRETTI

"Family is where life begins and love never ends."

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Anne Therese (Naffie) Mirretti, age 57 of Manistee died Monday April 14, 2014 at Spectrum Heart Center (Butterworth Campus) in Grand Rapids after a valiant 30 year battle with cardiomyopathy.

She was born March 29, 1957 in Manistee and was the daughter of the late Dominic R. and Bette J. (Siegrist) Naffie.

Anne was the fifth of ten children, the quiet one with the big smile who excelled in academics. Anne graduated valedictorian from Manistee Catholic Central in 1975 and continued her education for one year at Grand Valley State University, receiving straight A's.

She later married, moved to Arizona and had three children who survive her: Jonathan David Mirretti, 29 (Tami) of Ludington, Andrea Marilyn Mirretti, 24, Baltimore and Carolyn Anne Mirretti, 20, East Lansing.

When the marriage didn't work out, she packed her three young children—between 2 and 11 at the time and returned to Michigan to live in Ludington near her sister Cathy. Last year she moved to the family home in Manistee.

She was a fiercely devoted mother, who despite her illness, attended every class event, participated in class projects, and sporting events. She was the mom teachers could count on to help in the classroom. Anne loved to bake and crochet and was well known for the creative birthday cakes she made for her children and grandchildren as well as beautiful scarves, hats and afghans. She loved animals, especially dogs - they gravitated toward her and she passed on that love to her children and grandchildren.

Anne was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters Carol and Marilyn, and her brother David. Her siblings, too, died from cardiomyopathy.

Surviving are her children, her grandsons Rylan Joseph Mirretti, 8 and Jayden Cruz, 5.

Also surviving are her siblings: Jennie Marie Naffie (Rich Oman) of Muskegon, Michael Naffie (Miki Phillips) Muskegon, Catherine Lewis (Jim Peterson), Ludington, Dominic Naffie Jr. (Karen Johnson), Muskegon, Mark Naffie (Tammy), Midland, James Naffie (Patty), Muskegon.

She is also survived by her niece and nephews: Douglas J. (Noriko) Plamondon, Elizabeth V. (Greg Tawney) Niemeyer, Cara E. (Zach) Mitchell, Dominic R. Naffie III, David A. Naffie, Aaron

M. Lewis, Katherine L. Naffie and great-nieces and nephews: Sandra J. Plamondon, Christa E. Plamondon, Alexis E. Mitchell and Lillianna Mitchell.

She is also survived by one aunt, Marie "Tootsie" (Eugene) Case of Lansing, and many cousins.

Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 25, 2014 at Guardian Angels Church in Manistee.

The Evening Vigil Service will be prayed at 8 p.m. on Thursday evening April 24, 2014 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church where the family will receive friends on Thursday evening from 6-9 p.m. and on Friday morning one hour prior to the funeral mass. Luncheon immediately following funeral services will be held at St. Joseph Parish Center.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Manistee Catholic Central School Foundation and Lakeshore Animal Friends P.O. 503, Ludington, 49431.

Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.