

Melanie Ann Schultz, age 41 of Stronach, passed away on Tuesday February 12, 2013 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

She was born on February 9, 1972 in Manistee, daughter of Carl and Colleen (Washneske) Krebs. Melanie attended Manistee High School, graduating with the class of 1990.

Melanie married Robert Schultz on August 28, 1993 in Manistee at St. Mary's Catholic Church. She was an avid racing fan, enjoying all types of racing especially dirt track racing. Melanie was known to people close to her as the human address book, her memory for all numbers was amazing. Gardening was one of her past times, even the deer liked her produce. Country breakfasts were her specialty. When you stopped to visit make sure it's in time for breakfast and you would be full for the day, unless it was a race day and then count on her homemade subs.

Melanie is survived by her husband, Robert J. Schultz of Stronach; daughters, Sara Mariah and Emilee Elizabeth Schultz; parents Carl and Colleen Krebs of Manistee; sisters, Lori Krebs of Manistee, Holly Dapolito of Farmington Hills and Tanya (Davin) Reckow of Kingsley; devoted mother-in-law, Ruth Schultz of Manistee; sister-in-law, Leslee (Howard) Richardson of Byron; brother-in-law, Daniel Schultz (Jessica Gielczyk) of Free Soil; nieces & nephews, Nathan Helminiak, Sierra & Hunter Richardson, and Grace & Anders Reckow. Also surviving are many aunts, uncles and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her father-in-law, Robert A. Schultz, her partner as everyone knew the two of them were partners in almost anything, usually mischief, and her nephew, Matthew Helminiak.

A Funeral Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 12:00 PM on Monday February 18, 2013 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery in Manistee. The family will receive friends for visitation on Sunday February 17, 2013 at Oak Grove Funeral Home from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in memory of Melanie may be directed to Sara and Emilee Schultz c/o Members Credit Union, 1960 U.S. Highway 31, Manistee, MI 49660 for their future college education.

Please visit Melanie's personal book of memories page at www.oakgrovefh.com to share a story or photo.

The family has entrusted funeral arrangements with Oak Grove Funeral Home & Cremation Center of Manistee.