

OBITUARY

Deborah S. Powell - 1959 - 1999

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ANN ARBOR – Deborah Sue Powell, 39, died peacefully on April 20, 1999 at the Ann Arbor Hospice. The cause of death was throat cancer. Powell was born in Toledo, Ohio on July 26, 1959. She is survived by her parents, Virginia Leigh Powell of Marquette, Mich. and Max Powell, of Adrian, Mich. She is also survived by numerous loving friends, aunts, uncles and cousins, as well as her former partners Deb Harkins and Cheryl Zupan and their children, Julie, Heather, Ruth, Lee, Cathy and Audrey.

Powell studied wildlife and fisheries at Kent State University in Ohio. An enthusiastic chef throughout her life,

she was a cook in the United States Air Force for 3 years. She was an avid writer of poetry and essays and a photographer who enjoyed capturing black and white nature scenes. Powell will be remembered fondly at local watering holes for her expertise as a pool player. Throughout her life she was an enthusiastic owner of countless exotic and tropical fish and several box turtles. She was also the owner of "Sophie," her beloved basset hound who she arranged to be cared for after her death.

During the last 3 years of her life, Powell worked on the line at Ford Automotive in Rawsonville. She will stay strong in the memories of her co-workers because of her non-stop sense of humor and her infectious laughter.

At her request, Powell's body was donated to the University of Michigan Hospital to be used for cancer research. Before her death, she donated a laptop computer to the Ann Arbor Hospice. Powell asked that there be no funeral or memorial service held after her death.