



Cindy Allen

Cindy Lou Foslien was born August 11, 1956 in Minneapolis, MN, the daughter of Paul "Butch" and Shirley (Smith) Foslien. She grew up in Coon Rapids, MN where she graduated from high school in 1975. On June 28, 1975 Cindy was united in marriage to Michael Allen at the Church of the Epiphany in Coon Rapids. The couple made their home in Coon Rapids where they were blessed with three daughters, Jessica, Dawn and Sarah. Cindy worked for Deluxe Check printing for seventeen years. Later, in the Alexandria area, Cindy worked for Lakes Area Garage, 3M, American Business Solutions and the Brass Lantern. Most recently she was a caregiver at the Peaceful Bliss home in Alexandria. As a child Cindy had been visiting Lobster Lake near Alexandria during the summers and weekends. Several of her relatives lived on the lake and in the area. In 1992 Cindy and Michael purchased ten acres by the lake. In 2002 they made their home there. Cindy loved lake living and spending time at the lake visiting with her family and friends. She enjoyed boating, snowmobiling and flower gardening. Cindy loved going on vacations. She traveled though much of the United States and especially enjoyed tropical vacations in Florida, Hawaii, Mexico and Jamaica. Cindy also enjoyed a wide variety of music, especially classic country music. Spending time with her family was very important to Cindy. She was very proud of her children and grandchildren. On Tuesday, October 27, 2009 Cindy died at the age of 53 years. Her father, Paul Foslien and son-in-law, Robert Wilkens, preceded her in death. Cindy is survived by her husband, Michael Allen of Lobster Lake;

mother, Shirley Foslien of Coon Rapids; three daughters, Jessica Engstrom and fianc  e, Al Horst, of Coon Rapids, Dawn Wilkens of Andover and Sarah and husband, Ted Fletcher, of Richfield, MN; one brother, Michael Foslien and fianc  e, Kathy Thornbald, of New Prague, MN; three sisters, Deborah and husband, Doug Haugen, of Anoka, Pamela and husband, Gene Petroske, of Anoka and Brenda Freidlund and fianc  e, Bob Lund, of Blaine, MN; four grandchildren, Andrea Engstrom, Leah Engstrom , Gavin Engstrom and Parker Wilkens; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. A funeral service was held Saturday, October 31, 2009 at West Moe Lutheran Church near Brandon, MN. Rev. Don Clifford was the officiant. Barb Gulbranson provided music. Interment followed in the church cemetery. Casket bearers included Mike Foslien, Frank Foslien, Gary Foslien, Bruce Nelson, Gene Petroske and Scott Putnam. Honorary casket bearers included Robert Wilkens, Parker Wilkens and Gavin Engstrom. Arrangements were with the Anderson Funeral Home.