



Mary Bekken Menk

August 2, 2005

Menk Mary Jo Bekken Menk, age 58, passed away at home Saturday in the presence of her family after a six-month courageous fight against pancreatic cancer. She was born on Feb. 19, 1947 in Huron, SD to Oscar & Helen Bekken. She was raised in Billings, MT and later moved to Mpls where she attended NW flight attendant training. She was married to Vern Menk on Aug. 24, 1968 at St. Patrick's Church in Billings. She worked as an Administrative Asst. for the U of M while Vern completed college. Later she devoted herself to having a family and serving their needs as well as the needs of other neighbors, friends, and relatives in Champlin and Minnetonka. In 2002, she began working at Super Target as a cashier where she was loved by her customers and work associates alike. She was a member of All Saints Lutheran Church where she helped with Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity food, Our Savior's Shelter, and numerous other behind-the-scenes activities. She loved all children, especially her own and her grandchildren. She was truly a silent servant of all as well as a loving wife and mother. She will be dearly missed. She collected angels and now will continue their good works. She enjoyed her family and friends at Breezy Point and being out on the lake. She was preceded in death by her father, Oscar; and is survived by her mother, Helen; husband, Vern; daughter, Jennifer Summers & husband, Gregg; son, Geoffrey; brother, Mark & wife, Jessie; grandchildren, Abigail, Olivia, and Noah Summers; sister-in-law, Janet Gilland & husband, Jerry; brother-in-law, Thomas Menk & wife Beverly; 12 nephews and nieces; 5

uncles and aunts; and over 200 cousins. The service will be Thursday Aug. 4, 11 AM with visitation one hour before at All Saints Lutheran Church, 15915 Excelsior Blvd., Mtka. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the family for Pancreatic Cancer Research and other local charities. Visitation Wed. 4-8 PM at the: Washburn McReavy Strobeck Johnson Chapel 1400 Mainstreet, Hopkins 952-938-9020