

Koopikka, Mary

Mary Koopikka, 63, Appleton, passed away at home on Thursday, January 8, 2009, with her family by her side after a short but courageous battle with cancer. Mary was born March 27, 1945, to Lawrence and Ruth (Feavel) Schabo. She attended Appleton schools and graduated from Appleton West in 1963. She was united in marriage to Leo Reinke in 1965 and he preceded her in death in 1989. In 1994, she married her current husband, Mike Koopikka. Together they opened the Pasty Koop on Wisconsin Ave. in Appleton in 1995 and operated it until it was sold in June of 2008. In addition to working with her husband, Mary was also employed in the warehouse for Jansport, where she had a good many friends. In earlier years, Mary was employed at Zwicker Mills and for shorter times at St. Elizabeth Hospital and Plexus Corp.

Mary is survived by her husband, Mike, Appleton; her mother, Ruth Schabo, Appleton; brothers: Robert (Melodie) Schabo and Richard (Vicki) Schabo, both of Appleton; sisters: Helen (Donald) Gothe, Menasha; Betty Urbanek, Hortonville; and Susan (Gilbert) Jeske of Hollandtown. Mary is also survived by step-sons: Mike (Becky) Koopikka, Jr., Fond Du Lac; Ray Koopikka, Plymouth; sisters-in-law: Margie (Harry) Van Grinsven, Appleton; Enid Bessolo, Ahmeek, MI; Kathy Farrell, Green Bay; Audrey Koopikka, Alpena, MI. She is further survived by two "special" granddaughters: Mikayla and Katlyn Koopikka of Fond Du Lac, her godmother, Gertrude Hall, a "special" niece, Emily Bohman of Hortonville as well as several other nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lawrence, and first husband, Leo.

Funeral services for Mary will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, January 12, 2009 at Valley Funeral Home with Rev. George Detweiller officiating. Friends may visit the family from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service also at the funeral home. A memorial fund is being established.

The family would like to thank the staff at Fox Valley Hematology and Oncology and the wonderful caregivers of Affinity Hospice for their professional and personal help. Also thanks to all friends and neighbors for their help and support.