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REGAN, KATHLEEN M. (CASS); of Highland; July 13, 1997; age 58; beloved mother of Katie Regan of Wixom, Mike Regan of Lake Orion, Chris Cortright of Ypsilanti, Kenny Cortright of Highland and Karen Cortright Of Highland; dear grandmother of Christopher, Morgan, David, Katie and Ryan; dear daughter of Catherine Jane Regan; loving companion of Kay E. Jones; dear sister of Connie Craig, Daniel Regan, Elizabeth Peck, Mary Forintos, and Agnes Hartsig; also many nieces and nephews and dear friends including Helen Collar. Memorial service at Highland United Methodist Church, 680 W. Livingston, Highland, Saturday, July 19 at 11 a.m. Reverends Jeffrey Regan, James Kummer and Gilson Miller officiating. Graveside services to follow at Highland Cemetery. Memorials to The Baldwin Center or Highland Methodist Church appreciated. For further information phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors (248) 684-6645.

Kathleen M. Regan may have not known she was making history when she became the first single parent to legally adopt children in Michigan, in 1969.

Her family says she likely didn't care; she just wanted children.

"She didn't have any children, and she wanted some of her own. She wasn't sure if she was going to marry or not, so she decided to adopt. I don't think she realized she was making history," said her daughter, Katie Regan.

Ms. Regan, a Huron Valley Schools teacher for 34 years, did make history and went on to adopt another child. Her companion at the time, Helen Collar, also adopted three children, and the two women raised a family of five children together.

Ms. Regan died Sunday after a long battle with multiple myeloma. She was 58.

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A resident of Highland Township since 1964, Ms. Regan was a 1960 graduate of Wayne State University. She taught at Brooks and Duck Lake elementary schools and Highland Middle School until she retired in 1995.

Her daughter described her as a strict teacher who demanded her students achieve their best.

"She brought out the best in students," Katie Regan said.

Ms. Regan was an active member of the Michigan Education Association, serving on its board and that of the Huron Valley Education Association, where she was a negotiator.

Ms. Regan was an active volunteer in the community with

Hi-White Athletic Association, where she was a softball coach for many years. She also was active in the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and the Highland United Methodist Church.

In addition to Katie, Ms. Regan is survived by her son, Mike Regan, of Lake Orion, and the other children she helped raise, Chris Cortright of Ypsilanti, Kenny Cortright of Highland and Karen Cortright of Highland; mother, Catherine Jane Regan; four grandchildren; companion, Kay E. Jones; siblings, Connie Craig, Daniel Regan, Elizabeth Peck, Mary Fortinos and Agnes Hartsig; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Highland United Methodist Church at 680 W. Livingston Road in Highland. Graveside services will follow at Highland Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Baldwin Center of Highland Methodist Church.

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"Kate"

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**REGAN, KATHLEEN MARIE**  
"KATE"; age 24; of Leonard;  
April 2, 2002; loving daughter of  
Delores and the late Joseph Re-  
gan, Kate is survived by her sib-  
lings Dennis (Doris) Regan of  
Westland, Colleen Regan of Mil-  
ford, Joseph (Diane) Regan of  
Oxford, Shannon (Mike) Agius of  
Rochester and Shawn (Pam)  
Regan of Royal Oak. Kate is  
loved and will be greatly missed  
by her nephews, Matthew, Jay,  
D.J. and Dominic and her niece,  
Mikayla. She was a member of  
St. Joseph Catholic Church,  
Lake Orion, a 1997 graduate of  
Oxford High School and was  
currently attending Oakland  
University and employed at  
Somerset Inn, Troy. She will lie  
in-state at **Bossardet Funeral**  
**Home**, Oxford (248-628-3100)  
Thursday, April 4, 2002 from 2 to  
9 p.m. Scripture Service at 7:30  
p.m. Funeral Mass will be Fri-  
day, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. at St. Jo-  
seph Catholic Church, Lake  
Orion. Memorial contributions  
may be made to the American  
Diabetes Association or the  
American Cancer Society. Enve-  
lopes available at the funeral  
home.

## Kathleen M. Regan

Kathleen "Kate" Regan, of Leonard, passed away on April 2, 2002. She was 24.

Miss Regan was the daughter of Delores and the late Joseph Regan. She is survived by siblings, Dennis (Doris) Regan, of Westland, Coleen Regan, of Milford, Joseph (Diane) Regan, of Oxford, Shannon (Mike) Agius, of Rochester, and Shawn (Pam) Regan, of Royal Oak.

Kate was a 1997 graduate of Oxford High School and was attending Oakland University. She was employed at Somerset Inn, in Troy.