

Diane E. Nicholson of Buffalo Grove since 1967. Born Aug. 7, 1941, she passed from this temporary home to her eternal home Monday, July 19, 2004. Burial will be in St. Mary Church Cemetery. On Aug. 14, 1965, Diane married James Nicholson. Diane was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Buffalo Grove. Diagnosed with cancer in 2000, she continued to teach, to grandmother, to travel and to remain open to all that life had to offer. She served on the St. Mary's Breast Cancer Ministry in which she expressed deep concerns about other members of the group, even as she battled her cancer. In 2001, she was a featured speaker at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Kick-off Breakfast at the Fremont Hotel in Chicago. Diane graduated from National-Louis University in 1963 with a degree in elementary education. She taught for two years at Middlefork School in Northfield. After getting her son and daughter started in school, she returned to teaching. She taught for 32 years in School District 21; first at Stevenson Elementary School and then Robert Frost Elementary School in Mount Prospect. During this time she served on a variety of committees and worked tirelessly to provide educational opportunities for children in District 21. Even today she receives cards and letters from former students. Diane also served as president of the Indian Trails Library. She was a driving force in the planning for the construction of the Indian Trails Library at its present site on Schoenbeck Road in Wheeling. Even with all the teaching, library work, and breast cancer ministry, Diane made time to play Bridge in three groups and take part in two book discussion groups. Traveling was also another example of her enjoyment of life. Whether it was cruising the Yangtze River, the Rhine, the Rhone, or the Mediterranean, Diane savored each event with her particular elan. Indeed, she was so eager that she would be first for every tour, lecture and midnight buffet. Her record at being "first in line" is still unbroken. In addition to her husband, survivors include her son, Kevin (Kim) Nicholson of Lake Zurich; daughter, Heidi (Greg) Smitas of Bolingbrook; grandsons, Ryan and Jacob Smitas; the granddaughter she waited for, Elizabeth Diane Nicholson; sister, Darlene Boroviak; and her brother, Dale (Debbie) Boroviak. Diane was especially thankful for the friendship and support of her many friends through the years.