



## Victoria K. Spreitzer

October 22, 1942 - January 22, 2010

Spreitzer, Victoria K. Formerly Sr. Joan Paul, O.P. Age 67. January 22, 2010. Beloved wife of Mark. Loving daughter of Laverne nee Cotleur and the late Victor Kryst. Dear sister of Sharon Gerald Balnius, Susan Charles Byrne, James Cindy Kryst and Thomas Kryst. Loving aunt of Suzi Barrett, Katie Byrne, Mary Scheidt, Patricia Byrne, Heather Kryst, Janice Spreitzer, Jeffrey Barrett, Christopher Barrett and Joseph Spreitzer, as well as numerous cousins and abiding friends. Also survived by her special aunt, Bernice DiCesare. Victoria dedicated part of her life as an Adrian Dominican Sister Sr. Joan Paul, O.P.. She completed her BA in education at Siena Heights University after which she taught in the metropolitan Detroit area. She was an extremely talented seamstress and artist taking great interest in detail. Victoria had great empathy and love for the disadvantaged, always having a ready smile and words to uplift and encourage. After leaving the sisterhood, she continued to teach at various Catholic schools until her rheumatoid arthritis became so debilitating that she had to retire. She married Mark Spreitzer in 1978 and was a loving and devoted wife, daughter, aunt, sister and friend. She faced the pain and struggles of her illness with great courage. The highlights of her life were her annual trips to Eagle Harbor in the Upper Peninsula, and also her beloved pets, Chester and Oliver. She always said, "When I do go, it won't be because I haven't done everything possible to keep myself going." She was truly an inspiration to all who knew and loved her. Victoria was an active member of the Right to Life organization, and a lifelong dedicated member of the Catholic church, of which she was very proud. She truly knew the meaning of life and celebrated each day. A rosary will be held on Friday, March 19th at 8 p.m. and a memorial mass on Saturday, March 20th at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in Royal Oak. Memorials to Right to Life, National Arthritis Foundation, American Heart Association or the Michigan Humane Society appreciated. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-7000. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ I would like to send my condolences and sympathy to Vicki's family. I have fond memories of years at St. Bernard's and CCHS in Alpena. We shared a silent bond from being at Adrian at the same time after graduation. We will think of you and say a prayer at this year's 50th. Class Reunion in Alpena.

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**Luanne Potvin Brennan** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Fond memories of one so dear Will not fade with passing years, But are a pledge till we shall meet To worship at Christ's mercy seat. And there in heaven we shall find Those years were just a wisp of time.

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**Carol Morgan** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Vicky, my sister and my friend. We shared laughter & tears, stories & secrets, hugs & comfort, understanding & support. You lived a difficult life with grace and dignity and were an inspiration to many more than you were aware! I love you, Vicky, and will miss you for the rest of my life!!

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**Sharon Balnius** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM