



JoEllen Breese

February 5, 1938 - September 29, 2008

JO ELLEN (NEE SHARP) BREESE, age 70 of Hobart, born and raised in Gary, passed away on Monday, September 29, 2008. She was a graduate of Horace Mann, class of 1956 and attended Indiana University. She went to work for the family business at Sharp Brothers Garage in Gary. In 1965 she and her husband Barney opened Republic Frame & Axle in Miller. She was past President and Secretary of the Hobart Township School Board. She was a former Hobart Precinct Committee member and served on the Hobart BZA. She was also past President and a member of the Miller Business Assn., and the Lake Station Bicentennial Committee. Jo Ellen loved spending time at the family cottage in Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bernard V. "Barney" Breese in January, 1998, her parents, Charles and Bernice Sharp, her brother, Chuck Sharp, and her sister, Claire Michaels. Jo Ellen is survived by 1 son, Thomas C. (Holly) Breese and 3 grandsons - Michael Rodino, Brian and Brent Breese all of Hobart; brother - Tom (Ann) Sharp of Columbus, IN, brother-in-law "Allan (Phyllis) Breese of Streamwood, IL and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2008 at 10 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 701 E. 7th St., Hobart. Rev Darrel Schultz officiating. Interment in Calvary Cemetery, Portage. Friends are invited to meet with the family at Burns Funeral Home on Friday, October 3, 2008 from 2-8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to River Forest Dollars for Scholars, c/o Treasurer, River Forest High School, 3300 Indiana St., Hobart, IN 46342. www.burnsfuneral.com

Tribute Wall



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“ In the 1950s I knew Joellen and her brother Chuck, who at that time had a 1937 Ford two door. She was a wonderful young woman and I enjoyed her friendship at the Gary Boat club. May she rest in piece. Bill Soderlin

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