



Ellen L. Theiss

July 23, 1947 - December 20, 2012

Ellen L. Theiss, 65, of Mentor, passed away Thursday, Dec. 20, 2012, at Lake Health West Medical Center in Willoughby. Born July 23, 1947, in Cleveland, she earned her bachelor's degree from Case Western Reserve University and her master's degree from Cleveland State University.

Mrs. Theiss was a truly remarkable, caring and inspiring person. A beloved grade school teacher in the Willoughby-Eastlake School District for 34 years, she was known to all as kind, patient, forgiving and loyal. While she had many illnesses, she continued to remain strong and optimistic and always put others before herself. So many lives were touched and changed forever by her warmth and encouragement. Throughout her life, Mrs. Theiss enjoyed art, the theater, traveling, gardening and her cats. Most of all, she found happiness in spending time with her daughter, who was thoroughly devoted to her.

Survivors are her husband of 27 years, Larry; daughter and best friend, Lauren Theiss of Mentor; sister, Carol (George) Sufilka of Mentor; brother, Donald Stone of Willoughby; and aunt, Mildred Skufca of Mentor. She is also survived by many other loving family members. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Angela Skufca; and aunt, Julia Kazlauckas.

Funeral Mass will be 9:30 a.m. Thursday December 27, 2012 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 7575 Bellflower Road, Mentor.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor. Interment will be in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon Township.

Contributions may be made in Mrs. Theiss' memory to Susan G. Komen for the Cure , Attn: Donor Services, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265-0309.

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