



## Elizabeth J. Wilkins Cloyd Knapke

December 16, 1960 - April 18, 2012

Passed away suddenly at home on April 18, 2012, at the age of 51. A proud, lifelong resident of Indianapolis, Elizabeth was born December 16, 1960, in the Irvington area to William and Patricia Wilkins. She is survived by her father and stepmother, William and Barbara Wilkins; husband, Donald Knapke, Jr.; children, Brittany Knapke and Michael Cloyd; granddaughter, Madeline Cloyd; siblings, Christine Wilkins, Steven and David Wilkins. Elizabeth's mother, Patricia Wilkins, preceded her in death. Elizabeth attended Howe High School in Indianapolis, where she blossomed in accelerated classes before earning her G.E.D. She used her indelible wit and sarcasm to show others the humor in life. Elizabeth's greatest joy in life was gathering with family for vacations and holidays along with creating various arts and crafts for her family, including quilts and paintings. She even created the children's book *Mad Cats*, based on the misadventures of her granddaughter Madeline's cats. Elizabeth spent recent years proudly redecorating her home and cooking many delicious meals, including her memorable cream puffs. A lifelong animal lover, Elizabeth's family asks that donations be made to the Humane Society of Indianapolis in lieu of flowers. Friends and family will gather at Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel, 5377 E. Washington St., Friday, April 27, 2012. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the memorial service at 11:00 a.m. A luncheon will follow at Irvington United Methodist Church before inurnment at Crown Hill Cemetery.