

Joanne Sue Youkon - May 6, 1946 - May 16, 2012

JoAnne Sue Youkon: formerly of Westchester Apts in Pine City, died Wednesday (5/16/12) at the Burnett County Continuing Care Center in Grantsburg, WI

at the age of 66 years. Joanne passed away after a long battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

JoAnne was born to George Daniel Hill & Florence Mae Hill (Breeding) on May 6, 1946 in Elgin, IL at St. Joseph's Hospital

JoAnne's favorite past time was reading and bragging up her 11 grandchildren. She loved visiting with her family and friends, of which she made many.

She loved to laugh and had a nickname for everyone.

JoAnne fought hard and lived life to the fullest. Her family is grateful to the staff at Burnett Medical Center Continuing Care Center for taking care of her to the end with dignity and compassion. To the hospice nurses who gave her the extra TLC at the end. A big thank you as well, to the ALS Society of Minnesota for helping and checking in on her now and again. It was appreciated.

JoAnne is survived by her son Glen Rike and his wife Brenda of Pine City, step-sons: Robert Youkon and his wife Angie of Richmond, IN, John Youkon and his wife Keri of Vancouver WA; grandchildren: Sherry, Ruth, Katherine, Joshua and Daniel Rike, Dorian Gordon, Chrissy, Seth, John Jr., Brayden and Adam Youkon; good friend Sharon Rike and family: many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her parents George & Florence Hill, her husband Bob Youkon and her brothers Gordon & Jeffrey Hill.

Memorial service will be held Friday May 25, 2012 at 3:00 pm at Swanson Funeral Chapel in Pine City.