

## Joyce Elizabeth Birch

PARDEEVILLE — Joyce Elizabeth Birch, age 58, of Pardeeville, Wisconsin, and El Mirage, Arizona, died March 18, 1999 in Peoria, Ariz., from endometrial cancer.

Joyce was born on May 8, 1940 to Robert and Alice Zentner on a small farm near Monticello, Wis. Joyce graduated from Monticello High School in 1958 and attended college at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse. Joyce received her bachelors degree in physical education in 1962 and taught physical education for a few years. Joyce and Dave Birch married on August 26, 1963 at the Zwingli United Church of Christ in Monticello, Wis.



Joyce and Dave's family includes: Michael E. Birch and his wife Jodie of Baraboo, Wis.; David R. Birch and his wife Tina of Boise, Idaho; Cheryl L. Birch of Wilmington, Delaware; and Gary A. Birch of Madison, Wis. Joyce was also very proud of her granddaughter Kera Lauree Alice Birch and step-grandson Jason.

Joyce is also survived by her mother Alice Zentner and brothers, James and Larry Zentner, who reside on the family farm at Monticello, Wis., and a sister, Marjorie Waelchli of Monroe Wis.

Joyce was preceded in death by her father, Robert C. Zentner, and a sister, Shirley Witt.

Joyce was an active person who thoroughly enjoyed the great outdoors, especially bird-watching, hiking, camping and fishing. She participated in many active sports and enjoyed playing softball and especially water volleyball. Joyce was an active volunteer for Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and was a 4-H club leader for many years while her family was growing up.

Joyce enjoyed driving school bus for the special needs students of the Manitowoc Public School System for several years before her husband retired.

Joyce always looked forward to spending the winter at the Pueblo El Mirage Resort in El Mirage, Ariz., because of the friendship and love provided by all of her great friends there.

A memorial service will be held at Zwingli United Church of Christ in Monticello, Wis. on Wednesday, March 31, 1999 at 2:00 PM.

in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Joyce E. Birch Memorial at the University of Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Center. Gifts should be designated for Gynecologic Cancer Research-Endometrial Cancer. Please make contributions payable to: UW Foundation-Comprehensive Cancer Center, UWCCC, K4/658, 600 Highland Avenue, Madison, WI 52792-0001.