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**Barbara Annette Kingsbury** was born on June 19th, 1940. After an extended fight with cancer, she passed on June 23, 2011. She was 71 years old. She was preceded in death by: Her father: Charles Lloyd Brady, Her brother: John Arthur Brady, Her brother: Robert Donald Brady, Her ex-husband: John Kingsbury (married for nineteen years) She is survived by: Her mother: Yvonne Brady of Dearborn Hts., Michigan, Her sister: Judy (Roger) Robertson of Brooklyn, Michigan, Her sister: Jean (Albin) Zigila of Grayling, Michigan, Her brother: Chuck (Maureen) Brady of Brandon, Florida, Her sister: Laura (Don) Litterio of Dearborn Hts., Michigan, Her daughter: Kim Kingsbury of Cement City, Michigan, Her daughter: Kelly (Dave) Failing of Grayling, Michigan, Her grandchild: Thomas Failing, Her grandchild: Andrew

Failing, She is also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews. Barbara was self-employed most of her life as she was a very talented artist. She was a humble person that would not boast of her accomplishments but was very proud of what she had accomplished. She married John Kingsbury and had two children: Kimberly Louise and Kathryn Lynn. She recently shared that Kim and Kelly were her proudest accomplishments of all. She began her artistic career in Westland, Michigan. She created dolls that won awards at juried shows and her dolls were on display at Greenfield Village. She moved with her family to Walton, New York. She continued creating mostly dolls, Barbie clothes, and figurines. She created clay figurines and a Country Store that was displayed in the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art., New York. She moved with her family to Grayling, Michigan. It was here that she decided to continue raising her children on her own. She decided to expand her horizons and began taking classes at Kirtland Community College. There she created many unique designs and paintings on canvas. She was honored to be asked to draw and paint a design she had created in an art room. It completely covered the walls and was beautiful. She took many more art classes to compliment her natural born talent. Her final move was down to Cement City, Michigan. She enjoyed being closer to her family. She decided she loved gardening and created a garden oasis of her backyard. She decided to take the necessary classes with her daughter Kim to become Master Gardeners through Michigan State University. They both graduated and continued building their dream home. Last, but far from least, she learned how to use the computer and took a class on Photography. She fell in love with the hobby and began capturing macro photographs of the flowers, insects and animals in her yard. She expanded her view through the lens to include portraits, landscapes and photographs that provoked feeling. A glimpse of her life can be seen at her blog: <http://gardenersgarden.blogspot.com/> She was diagnosed with lung cancer and decided against traditional treatment so she could enjoy all the quality of life she had left with her friends and family. She was a fighter and won by enjoyed almost four more years with her loved ones. She was of Catholic faith and very much enjoyed bible studies, church services, and her faith in the Lord. She is now in peace in heaven and will be dearly missed by those who have been a special part of her life. Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 1st, at the Cement City Baptist Church in Cement City, Michigan 49233. . A Luncheon will be provided at the church for friends and family immediately following the service. Memorial Donations can be made to: Hospice of Lenawee County, Adrian, Michigan 49221. Arrangements by J. Gilbert Purse Funeral Home, Adrian, MI [PurseFuneralHome.com](http://PurseFuneralHome.com)

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