

MAURA CHRISTINE STANTON
March 28, 1985 – February 4, 1991

Maura was born in Northfield, Minnesota to Timothy and Christine Stanton. On May 12, 1985 she was baptized at St. Dominic's Catholic Church where she also celebrated her First Communion, November 25, 1990

Over three years ago, in January of 1988, Maura was diagnosed with neuroblastoma. The tumor was inoperable, but after many weeks of chemotherapy it was removed. The next months brought many surgeries and a bone marrow transplant followed by more surgeries and chemotherapy.

By the summer of 1990, Maura was finally free of cancer and she celebrated with a wonderful summer of fun the even included swimming lessons. She was especially good at the back float! In the fall she started kindergarten but by mid-September routine tests revealed the cancer had returned.

The knowledge her life would be short was hard, but Maura remained hopeful and determined to enjoy it to the fullest.

A special gift to her was the coming event of a new baby brother. Though she was in much pain, Maura was determined to hold him and be present at his birth. When John-Mark Timothy was born February 1, 1991, she was there to receive him with joy and thanksgiving like she received all gifts that were given to her. The family returned home on February 4 and that evening Maura died surrounded by her family.

Maura's life had a deep impact on many people. She loved to sing her own songs and create her own dances. In December of 1988, her "Great-grandpa Luthard" wrote about her in his Christmas letter. Maura is a thoughtful and compassionate little girl, always concerned about the well being of the rest of us. She is full of the joy of living and has a deep-seated wisdom all her own. We think she has talked with angels who have come to her on the dark pathways of pain and apprehension."

Maura is survived by her parents, brothers John-Mark Timothy, Mathew Ryan and sister Mary Elizabeth; grandparents, Loretta Stanton and Terry and Marie Schlink; great-grandmothers Ada Schlink and Sophia Gjerde, Aunts and Uncles, Loretta and Val Zweber, Donna Stanton, Sister Loriann Stanton, JoAnne and Ken Egger, Patricia and Bill Nelson, Colleen and Leo Skluzacek, William and Jan Stanton, David and Marcia Stanton, Mary Ellen and Jerry Jirik, Mark Stanton, Monica Carel, Michelle and Patrick Fox, John-Mark Schlink and Jeanine Schlink, many relatives and friends.