

COOPERSTOWN _ Joan J. Porter, 71, a resident of Cooperstown for the past 29 years, died Thursday morning, Nov. 29, 2007, at Otsego Manor.

She was born Aug. 6, 1936, in Madison, Wis., the second of three children of Elmer ("Al") and Gertrude (Heyde) Dornfeld. A graduate of West High School in Madison, she later attended the University of Wisconsin.

On Nov. 22, 1958, Joan married Daniel R. Porter in Madison, Wis.

For a time she served as a dental hygienist and assistant to dentists in York, Pa., and Columbus, Ohio, but devoted much of her life to being a homemaker with a flair for interior decorating. In later years, Joan was employed at Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown as a receptionist in the Emergency Room.

During her years in Cooperstown, she was an active communicant of St. Mary's "Our Lady of the Lake" Roman Catholic Church, and for over a decade volunteered at the Cooperstown Food Bank.

Joan is survived by a daughter, Leslie, and her husband, Edward Easton III, of Coudersport, Pa., ("God's Country"); a son, Andrew ("Drew") Porter and his wife, Amy of Cooperstown; four grandchildren, Erika, Caitlin, and Allison Easton and Reed Porter; a sister, Judith, and her husband, Vincent Danca of Rockford, Ill.; six nieces, two nephews, and several grand nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Daniel R. Porter, who died Nov. 21, 2006; a brother, William Dornfeld, and her dog, Duffy.

A funeral service will be offered at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 3, 2007, at the Connell, Dow & Deysenroth Funeral Home in Cooperstown, with Fr. John P. Rosson, pastor of St. Mary's "Our Lady of the Lake" Roman Catholic Church in Cooperstown, officiating.

The Service of Committal and Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery in Index.

Friends may call at the funeral home on Monday from 1 p.m. until service time.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy in the form of memorial gifts may be made to Friends of Bassett to benefit the Regional Cancer Program's Mobile Coach, 1 Atwell Road, Cooperstown, NY 13326 or the Cooperstown Food Bank, 25 Church Street, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of the Connell, Dow & Deysenroth Funeral Home in Cooperstown. Published in The Daily Star on 12/1/2007