

**Vivian Cora Kemeny**, daughter of Gabor (1933 Hungary-2015) and Katy



Kemeny, was born 3 June 1960, New York. Vivian's parents were refugees out of the chaos of World War II European Theater. Her father, who came to the US in 1957, rose to be on the faculty at Michigan State University teaching in the fields of theoretical physics and biophysics. Katy, her mother, was the only child in her small Hungarian town to survive the war. Katy went on to be an instructor at Lansing Community College.

Vivian graduated from Okemos High School in 1978. She furthered her education and became a practicing clinical psychologist. Vivian married Michael David Portnoy in 1988 and the couple had a daughter, Alyssa Lauren Portnoy.

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**PORTNOY, VIVIAN KEMENY**  
**Sylvania, OH**  
**Formerly of Okemos**

Age 37, died September 12, 1997. Vivian was a Clinical Psychologist practicing in Sylvania. Mrs. Portnoy was the wife of Michael Portnoy; mother of Alyssa Portnoy; daughter of Gabor Kemeny and Katy Kemeny; and sister of Nicole Kemeny. Services have been held. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Breast Cancer Coalition, P.O. Box 98114, Washington D.C., 20077-7347.

Vivian succumbed to cancer 12 September 1997, Ohio. She was interred Evergreen Cemetery, Lansing. Her headstone is inscribed: "Gentle Deep Beautiful"