

Sharen Ann Kraatz, daughter of Robert F. (1916-1979) and Helen E. (Merritt) (1918-?) Kraatz, was born 25 August 1943, Batavia, Genesee County, New York. After high school graduation in New York state, Sharen earned a biology degree at Michigan State University in 1965. Later she obtained a Master's Degree from the University of Michigan.

Louis Alexander Potter III wed Sharen Ann in 1972. "Lou" was a USMC (United States Marine Corps) veteran, a Michigan State police officer, East Lansing police officer and for the last 20 years of his employment career a flight attendant for United Air Lines.

*1994 Okemos Tomahawk,
Sharen Potter, Biology Teacher
1971-1998*



Sharen's science teaching career began at Warren Consolidated Schools, moved to Owosso Junior High School and ended with a 27 year-long hiatus at Okemos High School from where she retired in 1998. She died 15 February 1999, Michigan. Lou, son of the distinguished Michigan State University Professor Louis Alexander Potter, Jr., was born 14 September 1939, Michigan. He died 7 May 2006, Michigan. Inurnments are unknown.

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SHAREN ANN POTTER

WILLIAMSTON

Beloved wife of Louis A. Potter III, departed this life on Monday, February 15, 1999. Born on August 25, 1943, in Batavia, NY, she now joins her father, Robert Kraatz who preceded her to her heavenly home. She is survived by her husband of 27 years, Lou; mother, Helen Kraatz; brother, Stephen Louis Kraatz; and nephews Stephen Jeffrey and Robert Kraatz. An All-State athlete in swimming and field hockey while attending high school in New York, Sharen came to Michigan to study biology at Michigan State University. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority and graduated from MSU in 1965. The following year she taught at Warren Consolidated Schools. Sharen then left the classroom for a year to obtain her Master's

Degree in biology from the University of Michigan. Following that, she taught from 1967-1972 at Owosso Junior High School. She then joined the faculty at Okemos High School where she taught science for 27 years until her retirement in June of 1998. Sharen will be remembered as an educator who demanded excellence from herself and her students. Her love of science and pursuit of knowledge influenced many young people to pursue careers in the natural sciences. A void that could not be replaced was felt at Okemos High School this year. Outside of teaching and her extended family, Sharen had 3 passions in life; tennis, golf, and the MSU football team where she was a season ticket-holder for many years. No matter how adverse the weather, Sharen, Lou, and friends could be seen huddled together in the upper deck of Spartan Stadium cheering on the Green and

White. At halftime she could be seen watching the wonderful band show while grading a few papers for the upcoming week. Although she had no children of her own, she was mother to nieces, nephews and numerous dogs and cats that came under her care in her rural home. Sharen will be greatly missed by her family, former students, those she "rallied" across the net from, those she hit several "mulligans" with, and all others whose path crossed hers. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 27, 1999, at 10 a.m. at the All Saints Episcopal Church, located at 800 Abbott Rd., in East Lansing, MI.

Louis Alexander Potter
East Lansing, MI



Lou "The Stew" left us on May 7, 2006. Born on September 14, 1939, he now joins his wife, Sharen, who preceded him to his heavenly home. He is survived by his father, Louis of

East Lansing; brother, John (Sheila) of Lansing; sons, Richard and Christopher of Sweden; grandchildren, Andre, Patrick, Daniel and Lisa; niece, Michelle (Joseph) Kenny and her children, Jason and Ryan; and nephew, David (Melissa) Potter and his children, Nathan, Abigail, and Alexander. Lou graduated from East Lansing High School in 1957. He then briefly attended MSU before joining the Marine Corps. After a medical discharge, he returned to East Lansing. For the next fourteen years, he served both as a Michigan State trooper as well as an East Lansing policeman. During this time he also received a degree from MSU in criminal justice. In 1978, Lou left public service and became a flight attendant for United Airlines. He flew the "friendly skies" for the next twenty years until his retirement in 1998. His warm personality and sense of humor were enjoyed by thousands of passengers. For many years Lou also worked with the MSU Rodeo Club, as close to being a cowboy he ever got. Lou was a gourmet cook; meals prepared for family and close friends were special treats. In 2001, he suffered a stroke which rendered him unable to live independently. The family is deeply grateful to the East Lansing Health Care Center for the warm, loving home they provided. **A private memorial service will be held for family and close friends.** The family is being served by Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Homes, East Lansing.

Lou Potter died 2006.

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Okemos Alumni Association was informed of Sharen's passing by retired Okemos teacher, Kathleen Marsh.