



## ISABELLE LIFE STORY

Isabelle Nicholson of Saugatuck Township died on December 29, 2008 at Hospice House of Holland.

Isabelle was born in Detroit, Michigan on June 11, 1935. She leaves behind 3 brothers and 9 sisters along with dear nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and many dear friends.

In the sixties, Isabelle worked for the International Headquarters of the UAW, including a few years as assistant to the Director of Public Relations. It was in the heyday of the Detroit unions where she met and worked with such important political figures as Walter Ruther, John Conyers, John F. Kennedy, Eleanor Roosevelt and Martin Luther King Jr. Isabelle was also the president of the thousand member Office and Professional Employees Union, AFL-CIO.

In 1966 Isabelle moved to New York City with her Husband Tom Nicholson a senior editor for Newsweek.

Isabelle worked for a time at an elite advertising agency and then at the Graduate School of Business at Columbia University. While at Columbia, she studied photography under Mark Haven's guidance. Isabelle's love of photography continued throughout her life and her photographs are treasured by her friends and family.

Isabelle was part of the start-up team that launched Newsweek's answer to Sports Illustrated, *INSIDE SPORTS!*, afterward Isabelle was hired by Newsweek to work in the National Affairs Department until 1986, when the Nicholsons decided to make their home in the Saugatuck area.

Isabelle truly loved her community and enjoyed participating in many local organizations. She was on the executive board and was a long-time member of the Saugatuck-Douglas Garden Club. She was on the board of the Lakeshore Jazz Connection, a member of the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society, a founding member of the Douglas Historic Preservation Committee and a member of the Lakeshore Association. She drew a great deal of pleasure from being the leader of a local book club for many years. Cremation took place in accordance with Isabelle's wishes.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, 2:00p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, Saugatuck, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to your local Kidney Foundation or the Hospice House of Holland.

Arrangements are by the Dykstra Life Story Funeral Homes, Holland, MI.

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