



Patricia “Patty” Sherwood

Family: Couple who died in motorcycle crash were coming from Harborfest July 29, 2007. Stephen J. Cain and longtime girlfriend Patricia Sherwood began their relationship on a motorcycle. On Sunday, family members coped with news that the two had died together on one. The couple was thrown from Cain's motorcycle at 4 p.m. Saturday after it hit a Chevrolet Tahoe sport utility vehicle on Route 481, just north of Fulton. Cain, 58, and Sherwood, 52, both of 7300 Richmond Road E., Manlius, were coming from Oswego's Harborfest, said Matthew Cain, Stephen Cain's son. Sherwood rarely road with Cain recently because of a back problem, said her son, Douglas Sherwood, of Hastings. "In the beginning of the relationship, they rode all the time," Sherwood said of their 18 years as a couple. "She was always happy being a passenger." On Saturday, the Harley-Davidson motorcycle they were riding in the southbound lane crossed into oncoming traffic, state police said. Police determined the motorcycle was in the wrong lane for some time before the crash, but investigators couldn't pinpoint why. An autopsy will determine if alcohol was a factor in the crash, state police said. Family members believe a medical problem may have caused the accident because Stephen Cain did not drink alcohol.