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EASTPOINTE — Remains recovered from a shallow Macomb Township grave in July have been confirmed to be those of 13-year-old **Cindy Zarzycki**, a family member said Thursday.

"It's what we expected," said **Cindy**'s brother, Edward **Zarzycki**, who learned about the confirmed identification this week. "That's why the killer was convicted – it was the body."

A lab at the University of West Texas used DNA testing to confirm that the bones belong to **Cindy Zarzycki**, who disappeared on April 20, 1986, from an Eastpointe Dairy Queen.

A Macomb County jury convicted **Cindy**'s killer – Arthur Ream – of first-degree premeditated murder in June, although her body wasn't yet found.

Nearly a month after his conviction, Ream led authorities to a 22-acre wooded Macomb Township site where remains were found that believed to be **Cindy**'s. It took crews about five hours to find the remains that Ream said he buried in a four-foot-deep grave near the Clinton River bank.

Several items, including a purse, cassette tapes and a necklace were found with the remains. **Cindy**'s family members, who were at the search site, were confident the items belonged to **Cindy**.

Zarzycki said a visitation and memorial service will be held from 1-9 p.m. Nov. 28 at the Schultz Funeral Home in Eastpointe.

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