



Marilyn June Fortney

May 9, 1928 - March 8, 2023

Marilyn June Fortney, 94, passed away March 8, 2023. She was born May 9, 1928 in Zeeland, Michigan to the late Julius and Mildred (Bertsch) VanEenenaam.

Marilyn grew up in Charleston, West Virginia and later moved to Traverse City, Michigan where she graduated from Traverse City High School and Central Michigan University with a Bachelors Degree in Education. She retired after 25 years of teaching and enjoyed spending her winters in Florida. She was skilled in completing crossword books and jigsaw puzzles.

Her favorite times were when family and friends gathered at the cottage in Houghton Lake. She always had a welcoming smile and wanted to hear all about you.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Van Wideman; Patricia Nowak and her husband Allen; Thomas Wideman and his wife Nancy; Rebecca Ebright and her husband Ronald; William Wideman and his wife Lisa; James Wideman and his wife Vicki; and Wayne Fortney; grandchildren, Jared and his wife Kaci; Katie and her husband Ben; Lindsay and her husband Cody; Alyssa and her husband Bob; Spencer and his wife Kirsten; Derek and his fiancé Ashtin Kubec; Patricia and her husband Roberto; Randy; Tyler and his wife Mara; Brandon; Austin; Samantha and her husband Jared; Meghan and her husband Sean; Darin and his fiancé Kaitlin Sheets; Erin and her husband Pete; and Bryan and his wife Lian; and 29 great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Marilyn was predeceased by her husbands, Robert G. Wideman and Howard Fortney; sister, Phyllis Archambeau; brother, Jim VanEenenaam; sister-in-law, Sandy VanEenenaam; and her infant daughter, Barbara Louise.

There will be a Celebration of Marilyn's Life to be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 from 4 to 7 pm at the Ithaca Community Center, 120 N. Maple Street, Ithaca, Michigan 48847. Final resting place Oakwood Cemetery, Traverse City, Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be made in Marilyn's honor to Ithaca's Thompson Home

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Tribute Wall



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Marilyn June Fortney.*



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