

**Lynette “Lyn” Pierson**, age 72 of Manistee, Michigan, died Friday morning, September 30, 2016 at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Brad Phelps in Hersey, Michigan surrounded by her family.

She was born on December 9, 1943 in Manistee, Michigan and was the daughter of the late Donald and Jean (Foster) Raatz. She was a graduate of Manistee High School with the class of 1962. Lyn then attended Grand Rapids Junior College and transferred to Western Michigan University where she received her Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education. Lyn later attended Central Michigan University where she received her Master’s Degree in Education. Her teaching career of twenty-three years was spent at Kennedy School in Manistee. She loved being a teacher and making a difference in the lives of her students. Lyn married James “Jim” Pierson on January 27, 1968 at Saint Mary of Mt. Carmel Shrine Church in Manistee. He preceded her in death on October 20, 2013. Her main focus was time spent with family. She loved cooking, baking, and most of all planning and hosting parties for her family and friends. She enjoyed music in all fashions, especially the concerts of her grandchildren. Other interests included crossword puzzles, bowling, playing pinochle, U of M football and watching the Tigers with Jim. Lyn enjoyed helping people in any way she could with her “Heart to Serve” attitude. She was a member of the Catholic Community of Manistee (Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine), where she was an active member and also served as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister for the parish.

She is survived by her children, Amy (Scott) Block of Kalamazoo, Carol (Brad) Phelps of Hersey, and Christopher (Nicole) Pierson of Allendale, her grandchildren, Sydney Block, Jack Block, Kaden Phelps, Colin Knapp, Seth Phelps, Eli Phelps, Alexis Pierson, Reese Pierson, and Adrianna Pierson, her sister, Chris (Raatz) and John Grabowski, her brother Jon and E.J. (Savoie) Raatz, her sister Susan (Raatz,) and Dr. Michael Rummel, her brother Michael and Karen (Nelson) Raatz, her brother Ellis and Judy (Topel) Raatz and her brother David and Aimee (Sharpe) Raatz. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive her.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. at Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine in Manistee with Reverend Joseph Fix celebrant. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Relatives and friends will pray the Evening Vigil Service on Wednesday evening, October 5, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, where friends may begin calling on Wednesday after 1:00 P.M. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. and 7:00 to 9:00 P.M., and on Thursday morning from 10:00 A.M. until leaving for the church at 10:40 A.M.

Those wishing to remember Lyn might consider a gift to the Eva Seng Memorial Good Works Scholarship through the Manistee County Community Foundation. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

**The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.**