

“Granny is on the yellow brick road to heaven”. Caroline N. Bukowski, age 83 of Manistee, Michigan, died Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at the Green Acres Retirement Home in Manistee.

She was born on August 28, 1935 in Manistee, Michigan and was the daughter of the late Charles A. and Eva M. (Miller) Showalter, Sr. Caroline was a graduate of Manistee High School with the Class of 1953 where she had been a member of the cheerleading squad. She married Roy “Stretch” Bukowski on September 3, 1955 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Manistee. They celebrated over 59 years of marriage together before Roy’s death on September 10, 2014. She was employed for many years as a secretary with the Manistee Public School System. Caroline was a past president of the Parent Teachers Association in Manistee, the coordinator of the CCD program at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Shrine, an active member of the Manistee High School Band Boosters Association, a member of the Manistee Garden Club, a volunteer at West Shore Hospital in the gift shop. She enjoyed spending time in the kitchen preparing food and wrote her own cookbook called “Granny Carol’s Cookbook”. Caroline was a member of the Divine Mercy Parish of Manistee (St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Shrine).

She is survived by her daughter and son in-law Susan and George Edmondson of Manistee, MI; her son and daughter in-law Thomas and Molly Bukowski of Canton, Ohio; her son in-law Timothy Kolanowski of Manistee, MI; her brother Charles (Donnajean) Showalter of Manistee whom Caroline and Roy raised; four grandchildren: Stacey and Chris Polcyn, Jory Edmondson, David Edmondson, Michael and Lauren Kolanowski, and her foreign grandson Gregor Malinowski; eleven great grandchildren: Brian, Dylan, Evelyn, Owen, Jaret, Jorren, Ethan, Jayna, Alayna, Calvin and Brady; her brothers and sisters-in-law Leonard and Charlotte Showalter of San Diego, CA, and Richard and Jeanne Showalter of Raleigh, North Carolina. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

Caroline was preceded in death by her daughter Lori Kolanowski, and by her sister and brother-in-law Ruth and William Porter, and recently by her nephew Wayne Porter.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 12:00 Noon at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend Zeljko Guberovic celebrant. The family will receive friends at the church on Tuesday morning from 10:30 AM until the time of Mass at 12:00 Noon. A funeral luncheon for family and friends will take place at the Saint Joseph Parish Center immediately following the funeral Mass.

Graveside services will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 PM at the Onekama Village Cemetery in Onekama.

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