

Caroline A. Milarch, age 83, of Manistee, Michigan, died early Sunday morning, April 24, 2022 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Michigan, surrounded by her family.

She was born on November 14, 1938 in Stronach, Michigan, daughter of the late Andrew and Margaret (Jados) Froncek. She was a graduate of Manistee High School with the class of 1956.

Caroline married Darwin C. Milarch at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee on June 29, 1957. They started construction on their home shortly after their marriage, and she lived there until the time of her passing. They celebrated over 58 years of marriage together, before Darwin's death on July 27, 2015. Darwin and Caroline were active in Square Dancing and enjoyed working on the Cadillac Manistee Telephone Pioneers activities. While her children were in school, she was very active in their school activities. Caroline enjoyed spending time with her family and loved having her granddaughters visit and stay with her and Darwin for weeks at a time during the summer months. She would have coffee every morning with her neighbor and best friend of over 60 years, Donna O'Rorke, and together they "solved all of the world's problems". She was a member of Divine Mercy Parish of Manistee (St. Joseph Catholic Church).



Caroline is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Jodi and Dan Decker of Jackson, MI; her daughter-in-law Janet Milarch of Fountain, MI; two granddaughters: Lauren and Matt Boller of Newport, MI, and Meghan and Dillon Ommodt of Parma, MI; three great grandchildren: Carson Boller, Paisley Boller and Ava Ommodt; and her brother-in-law Jerome Kolanowski of Stronach, MI. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

She was preceded in death by her son Tom Milarch, her sisters and brother's-in-law: Elizabeth and Fred Guenthardt, Alvina and Milo "Mike" Uhl, Dolores and Raymond Kubacki, Christine Kolanowski, and by her brother and sister-in-law, Daniel and Joan Froncek.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend Zeljko Guberovic celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee. The family will receive friends at the church on Monday morning, one hour prior to the funeral mass.

A memorial will be established in Caroline's name for the Manistee County Medical Care Facility. Envelopes will be available at the church on Monday morning.

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