



Her Legacy...Judith M. "Judy" Skocelas, formerly of Eastlake, MI, age 86, died peacefully on Sunday "daughter day", August 11, 2024 at Independence Village in Brighton, MI where she resided since February 2021. She was under the care of CorsoCare Hospice after a brief hospital stay and she was lovingly surrounded by her family. Judy was born on June 9, 1938 in Manistee, MI, daughter of the late Herman Kempf Jr. and Helvi E. Repo. Judith married the love of her life Robert J. "Sonny" Skocelas on June 16, 1956 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee, MI. He preceded her in death on June 9, 2019 (Judy's 81st birthday). Judy was a homemaker who joyfully raised three children with Robert and side-by-side supported him in all endeavors. She was an excellent cook and baker. She fried up the best fish and venison, homemade spaghetti sauce, ground bologna, strawberry jam, ribbon jello, marble squares, themed birthday cakes, potato pancakes and toast in various shapes for the grandkids. Judy also enjoyed sewing, knitting, reading, playing bridge and card games, feeding birds, attending outdoor events (festivals and parades) and taking care of the homes that Robert built for them first in Sault Ste. Marie and their retirement home in Eastlake. Her face would light up every time friends or family would visit as she took the time to talk, give hugs, prepare special things to do together like arts & crafts, pass down secret recipes or share special hints that only she knew which made life easier and better. The word that describes her best is "sweet" as was so often heard.

Her Family...Judy is survived by her children: JoAnn (Matthew) Bunting of Belding, MI, Judi "Sis" (Ken) Guillard of St. Ignace, MI and Jodi (Dan) Gonzalez of Pinckney, MI. Grandchildren: Nicole, Robert, Jordon, Kevin, Danielle, Anthony, Allison and Michael. Great-grandchildren: Alexia, Audrina, Brooklyn, Amya, Carsyn, Gracelyn, Mackenzie, William and Andrew. Two brothers-in-law: Jerry (Renee deceased) Skocelas of Muskegon, MI and Mike (Tracey) Skocelas of Brethren, MI. Two sisters-in-law: Phyllis (Bernie) Henion of Ludington, MI and Jackie (Duane deceased) Mantych of Manistee, MI. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her. Judy was preceded in death (in addition to her parents) by her brother and sister-in-law William "Bill" and Marlene Kempf Sr. One brother-in-law: Ben (Judy) Skocelas. Four sisters-in-law: Kathleen Skocelas, Charlotte (Clarence "Peewee") Janowiak, Rose (Neil) Wittlieff and Marie (Jack) Martineau.

Her Farewell...Cremation has taken place. Burial will occur at a future date at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Manistee, MI where Judy and Robert will share the same plot. Donations in memory of Judy may be made to CorsoCare Hospice, 950 Corporate Office Drive, Suite 150, Milford, MI 48381.