



Linda Lou (Kotarak) Bourdages, age 83, of East Lake, Michigan, died Thursday, March 6, 2025 at her home with her

husband Babylas at her side. She was born on June 28, 1941 in Filer City, Michigan and was the daughter of the late Leonard F. and Dorothy A. (Baker) Kotarak. She was a graduate of Manistee High School with the class of 1959. Linda married Babylas Bourdages at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee on December 28, 1968.

During her working career she was employed at the J.J. Newberry Store, a week-end Waitress at the Bungalow Inn and later as the family bookkeeper for her husband's business. She traveled extensively around the country with her husband while he was on his working schedule. Linda and Babi wintered in Hollywood, Florida and summered in Caplan, Quebec. Linda enjoyed fishing in Michigan, Florida and Canada and was also a deer hunter. She also enjoyed cooking, crocheting and was an avid walker and bicycle rider who also enjoyed, an "occasional trip to the casino". She was a member of the Divine Mercy Parish of Manistee, MI. (St. Joseph Catholic Church).

Linda is survived by her husband of over 56 years, Babylas Bourdages of East Lake, MI, her twin brother, Leonard "Sonny" Kotarak of East Lake, MI, two sisters, Joyce Tetzlaff of Grand Rapids, and Carol Reynolds of Kentwood, MI, her sister in-law, Patricia Kotarak of Byron Center, MI. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive her.

Linda was also preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Dorothy (Baker) Kotarak, her sister Shirley Ann Tutten, her brother, David Kotarak and her father in-law and mother in-law, Leopold and Elizabeth Bourdages.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, March 14, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee, with Reverend James Bearss celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

The family will receive friends at the church on Friday morning one hour prior to the funeral mass. The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.