



Marlene Faye Hamlet

August 15, 1935 - January 17, 2021

Marlene Faye Hamlet, of Kalkaska, died January 17, 2021, in the early morning. Marlene passed away at home with family around her. Marlene was born August 15, 1935 to Dorothy and Jack Bertin in Detroit, Michigan. She was the fourth of six children. She is preceded by three of her siblings, Richard, Beverly and Shirley, son Johnny and granddaughter Molly. Marlene is survived by her husband of 67 years, John Hamlet, brother Bill (Fran) Bertin and sister Noreen (Donald) Hamlet. Marlene has six living children: Diana (Dennis) Soper, Lori (Bud) Matthews, Robert (Sandi) Hamlet, Ronald Hamlet, Carrie Hamlet and Donald (Connie) Hamlet. She was blessed with fifteen grandchildren: Jessica, Jason, Lori, Chuck, Mellisa, Molly, April, Wesley, Ryan, Justin, Robert, Cheyenne, Jena, Brittney and Alisha. She also loved her 35 great-grandchildren. As we remember Marlene, we smile, laugh, cry and reminisce about all that she meant to each of us. We will retell stories about how she “chased John till he caught her”, how she was a tomboy and that all she ever wanted to be was a mom. We love that her kitchen was always open, she offered a bed to anyone who was tired and how she was always there to listen. She was always busy, but never too busy for us. She always had advice and was willing to share her wisdom with everyone. Marlene loved to have her family around her. She loved welcoming a new baby and hosting gatherings. Her potato salad is famous in our family (“the secret is in the sauce”). She was loved and will be missed by her family, friends and church family. Her smiling face, feisty attitude and signature laugh are things we will all remember fondly and miss dearly. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral and Cremation Services.