



Judith E. Spires

July 29, 1939 - June 11, 2026

Judith E. Spires, 86, passed away comfortably on June 11, 2026, at Eden Care. She was born on July 29, 1939, in Knoxville, Tennessee, to Murphy and Evelyn (Johnson) Clark. She moved to Michigan in her teenage years, but she never lost her beloved southern accent. She was a talented and creative woman who enjoyed cooking, sewing, quilting, crafting, and working in her flower beds. Over the years, she made everything from clothing and quilts to handmade crafts, many of which she sold at local craft shows. Most of all, she cherished time spent with her family. She is survived by her children, Rickey C. (Marguerite) Spires and Brenda G. Smith; grandchildren, Stacy (Adam) Larsen, Nan (Andrew) Crowe, and Evan C. (Carly) Smith; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Shirley Shepard; and son-in-law, Richard "Rick" Smith. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Jerry for being such a special part of their family. They would also like to thank the wonderful staff at Memory Care for their kindness, patience, support, and assistance with her daily needs, appointments, and care. The family is also grateful to Heartland Hospice for their compassionate care. She will be laid to rest at Coldsprings Township Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Coldsprings Township Cemetery

6515 County Road 571 NE
Mancelona, MI 49659