



Mary Ellen Ockert

July 2, 1938 - February 24, 2024

Mary Ellen Ockert, 85, of Kingsley, peacefully passed away at her home on February 24, 2024, surrounded by her loved ones. Mary was born on July 2, 1938, to Emerald and Wuanita (Cook) Lueck on a farm in Kingsley.

On February 19, 1955, Mary married Joseph Ockert at St. Mary's of Hannah Catholic Church; they would go on to enjoy over 60 years of marriage together. She cherished her 26 years with St. Mary's School, serving as chairman for the summer festival and dedicatedly working at the Annual Chicken Dinner for over two decades. Additionally, Mary devoted over 20 years to being a 4-H leader, earning the esteemed diamond clover pin. Her passion for music led her to play the organ for many years at her church. Even after retiring from St. Mary's School, Mary continued her altruistic endeavors by volunteering at the Women's Resource Center in Traverse City and serving as Treasurer for Mayfield Township from 2001 to 2020.

Throughout the years, Mary and Joseph opened their home to numerous children, demonstrating their boundless love and generosity. Mary is survived by her two children, John (Debra) Ockert and Sally Ockert, as well as special sons Robert (Kathy) Kewaygoshkum and Dale (Chris) Gauthier. She is also survived by her brothers Chester Lueck and Duane (Paulette) Lueck; her niece Cheryl Kimbrew, and grandchildren Joseph Ockert, Erin (Craig) Raschi, and Jeremy (Marsha) Ockert, along with great-grandchildren Chloe, Allie, Vincent, Victor, Reece, Gabriel, Paisley, Kemry, Nolan, and Cora.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband Joseph, sister Norma Cole, and

brother Ronald Lueck. A visitation will be held from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm on Friday, March 1, 2024, at St. Mary of Hannah Catholic Church, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 12:00 pm. Burial will take place in St. Mary of Hannah Catholic Cemetery.

The family would like to thank both Hospice of Michigan and CareLinc for the amazing care they provided to Mary and her family in their time of need.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Mary's honor to St. Mary of Hannah Church or St. Mary's School, 2912 West M-113, Kingsley, MI 49649. The family has entrusted the arrangements to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services, where they will ensure that Mary's memory is honored with the respect and care she deserves.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary of Hannah Catholic Cemetery

2912 W. M-113
Kingsley, MI 49649

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Rickety Ranchers 4-H Club purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Mary Ellen Ockert.*



Rickety Ranchers 4-H Club - February 28, 2024 at 01:26 PM