



## Merle A. Richards

January 9, 1941 - January 12, 2023

Merle Richards, 82, peacefully went to be with our Lord on January 12, 2023. She is now healthy and whole and walking with Jesus. Merle was receiving compassionate care from McLaren Hospice for lung cancer; while still living with her daughter and son-in-law, Stacey and Craig. Merle moved to live with her daughter during the last 3 years of her life.

She was born in Marlette to the late Harry and Doris Erwin. She was preceded in death by her sister Sally Knowles and her husband Walter Richards.

Merle cheerfully applied herself to all she chose to endeavor. When her children were young she was a beautician in her Marlette home (giving her time and attention to her then husband, Errol Koehler and their four children). Her final career was working as a Customs Inspector.

She is survived by her three sons; Scott (Michelle) Koehler, Erik Koehler, Blake (Erin) Koehler and daughter Stacey Camastra-Foster (Craig Foster), grandchildren; Kendal and Madalyne Koehler, Ross (Jessica) Camastra, Ryan (Sarah) Camastra, James Camastra, Deonna Camastra-Pittiglio (Toby), great grandchildren; Luca and Cecilia Camastra, Filomena Camastra; several nieces, nephews and step-children; Debbie (Barry) Stokan, Darlene (Todd) Brown, and Diane (Paul) Vansickle.

Merle's wishes were to have immediate family gather to remember her (in place of a funeral) as a loving mother and grandmother.

Memorial contributions: please consider a donation of time or money to

McLaren Hospice and Homecare Foundation. Merle enjoyed weekly visits from their musician, Willy. He brought joy to ALL in the household with hymns and 'oldies but goodies' songs. Financial support helps their mission to continue serving patients regardless of their ability to pay.

Services will be private.

Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home - Port Huron