



Carolyn June Cross

October 8, 1930 - July 26, 2024

Carolyn June Cross was born on October 8, 1930, in Portland, Michigan and passed away on Friday, July 26, 2024, at South Torch Assisted Living in Rapid City, Michigan. Carolyn was the secretary of the Portland Public Schools for 20 years and a member of the Eastern Star in Portland, Michigan. She was also a member of the United Methodist Church in Portland, Michigan for many years. After moving to Kewadin to live with her daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Don, she became a member of the First Presbyterian church in Elk Rapids, Michigan where Sandy and Don have been members since 1995. Carolyn loved playing cards, marbles, and was an active bridge card player most of her life. While residing six months in Portland and six months in Florida, she was busy with many activities and loved teaching water aerobics. She enjoyed baking cookies and sharing them with neighbors and friends. She had an amazing love for her family and was always helping others. She loved music, especially the gospel hymns, and she loved entertaining as well as visiting with people.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Muriel Smith, her husbands, Richard Smith and Clare Cross; and her son, Michael Smith. She is survived by her daughter, and son-in-law Sandy (Smith) and Don Davids; daughter and son-in-law, Brenda (Behnke) and Rick Womer; eight cherished grandchildren, Chad and Heather (Soule) Davids; Chris Davids and Rachael Birgy; Nicole (Behnke) Kellan; Brooke (Behnke) Zoumbaris; Audrey (Behnke) and Szymon Luczak; Kyle and Mel Smith; Arianna (Smith) Vaughn,

and Scott and Kerstin Smith; her 17 great grandchildren; Cole, Ryan, and Kingston Davids; Beck, London and Esme Birgy; McKenna, Myla, and Alexa Davids; Dillon Vaughn and Jameson Smith; Finn and Kian Kellan; Alex, Ben, Charlie and Emma Luczak.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at the First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids. A visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. and services will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by a luncheon.

In remembrance of Carolyn's life, the family asks that any donations be made to Munson Hospice.

Arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
404 Spruce Street
Elk Rapids, MI 49629

Celebration of Life

AUG 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CS

“ I always liked Carolyn. She was a very nice person. So much fun talking to her and playing cards with her.

Carol Schell - August 08, 2024 at 07:44 AM

PW

“ Became Carolyn's neighbor when I married her neighbor. She was a truly lovely person. When she was getting ready to leave our park, she had a yard sale. I came home to find my bird bath in the sale. Paul said let her sell it, I will buy you a new one. I still have the new one. Rest in peace my friend.

Paula Witt - August 07, 2024 at 05:25 PM

KF

Really enjoyed knowing Carolyn. Visited the park while my parents were there many years ago and met her in a line dancing class. Re-connected in the last 15 years when I was able to spend more time there. She taught me how to make the best broccoli cheese soup, introduced me to Stavros, and, of course, we had to make several trips to The Villages for the music and line dancing. What a joy! She will truly be missed.

Karla Funk - August 07, 2024 at 06:57 PM

AF

Carolyn's dedication to her Aquacize class was amazing. I remember her teaching from the pool decking because she couldn't get into the pool. Her joy & zest for life was contagious & you couldn't help but have fun. Rest in Peace my sweet & gentle friend, you've earned it!

Ann Marie Fouchea - August 08, 2024 at 08:10 AM

TM

My condolences to her family and friends. Rest in peace Aunt Carolyn.

Teri Miller - August 15, 2024 at 07:03 PM