



## Carol J. Powers

December 6, 1934 - September 22, 2022

Carol J. Powers age 87 of Ludington, formerly of Pentwater passed away on Thursday, September 22, 2022 in Grand Rapids. Carol was born on December 6, 1934 in Riverton Township the daughter of Floyd H. and Bertha (Carr) Bickford and graduated from Scottville High School with the class of 1954. On November 7, 1954 she married Lester "Charles" Powers at the Crystal Valley United Methodist Church and celebrated 45 years together before Lester preceded her in death on September 15, 2000. Together they farmed land in South Riverton and North Weare townships until Lester's death. With the sale of the farm, it marked the end of four generations of the Bickford family continuously farming in the St. Mary's Lake area over a period of 125 years. Carol worked at Pentwater Wire Products for over 40 years retiring in 2000. She moved to Hart in 2001 before moving to Ludington in 2018. Carol was a longtime member of Crystal Valley United Methodist Church and recently of the United Methodist Church in Ludington. She also volunteered countless hours for the Hart, Mears, & Silver Lake Chamber of Commerce, the Hart Senior Center, and for the Vintage Rose Resale Shop. In her retirement she enjoyed playing cards with family and friends, knitting, crocheting, and lately watching the game show channel.

Along with her husband Lester, Carol was preceded in death by her parents; her sister Thelma (James) Eddy; and her brothers Lorin (Virginia), Charles, and Norman (Jayne) Bickford, and infant brother Laurence Bickford. She will be lovingly remembered by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A private family service will be held at Brookside Cemetery in Scottville where Carol will be laid to rest next to her husband Lester. Those who wish to remember Carol with a memorial donation are asked to please consider Crystal Valley United Methodist Church or the Hart Senior Center.

# Cemetery Details

## Brookside Cemetery

950 W. State Street  
Scottville, MI 49454

# Tribute Wall

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“ Since meeting Carol at Vintage Rose Resale Shoppe, she and I have had a 15 year relationship...one I've treasured deeply. My husband and I were at another funeral when I got the news that my friend had passed a few days earlier. It still makes me gasp...she has been a trusted and loyal friend and I've missed her since she moved from Hart to Ludington. We took each other "out" for breakfast twice a year. For her December birthday and mine in June. She loved to make pies and drop them off at our house and she taught me how to make her delicious pie crust. She made the BEST pies and I tried to reciprocate. I believe the last time I saw her was when I brought her a piece of pie...and Carol, I never did get you the apple butter I made...I'm so sorry. What I would give to hug you one more time. How I will miss my annual birthday cards and Christmas notes. When I was with the National Asparagus Festival, you were my faithful and devoted volunteer year after year. Now you're with our Lord and Savior and in a better place. Someday I'll give you that hug my friend. love, Chris, Stan & Roxie Rose Rickard



Christine Rickard - October 01, 2022 at 12:03 PM

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“ I am Diana (Shilander) Clark from Shelby. I knew Carol ever since I was 5 years old in 1948. I attended St. Mary's Lake school and the kindergarten class was large - 7!! and there were not enough seats so each of us had to sit with an older sibling. I didn't have an older sibling, so Carol was my "big sister". Kindergarten students had a half day and I remember overhearing my Mother telling Carol at a PTA Get-to-Gather to "make sure Diana's coat is buttoned up" when I walked the mile home. It was always nice to occasionally bump into her in the Hart area. We visited a lot when she worked at the Vintage Rose resale shop. She will always be special to me.

Diana Clark - September 30, 2022 at 01:48 PM

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“ I knew Carol while attending St.Mary's Lake School, she was like a big sister to me and my sister Diana. Sweet girl.

Donna - September 26, 2022 at 11:49 AM