



Marilyn Jean Helms

February 14, 1936 - September 27, 2020

Marilyn Jean Helms aged 84 of Ludington, formally of Pierson, died peacefully at her home on Sunday, September 27, 2020. Marilyn was born February 14, 1936 in Pierson, the daughter of Franklin and Mary (Johnson) Neve.

"Tootie," the name everyone knew her by, loved camping and rock picking on the beach of Lake Superior. She was preceded in death by her husband Jerald Helms, her granddaughter Marilyn Ward, her brother Carmen Neve, and her sister Linda Buckley.

Surviving Marilyn are her children Jerald (Nancy) Helms and Carmen (Richard) Barrett; grandchildren Amy (Jim) English, Katherine (Steve Bridges) Helms, Tiffany (Adam) Lepley, Jennifer (Jason) Stayner, Holly (Jeff Dann) Baker, Jeremiah (Kari Blamer) Barrett, Jason (Mckenzie Mangold) Barrett, Danielle (Exodus Phyr) Barrett, Tia (James) Stevens, Eric (Courtney) Porter and Chris Porter; several great-grandchildren and great, great-grandchildren; her siblings Franklin (Nancy) Neve, and Jacquelyn Gage; along with several nieces and nephews.

We would like to thank Hospice of Michigan for the great care and thoughtfulness during this time.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place and a private

ceremony will be held at Pierson Cemetery. A gathering to celebrate Tootie's life will be held at 2:00 pm on October 18th at Ensley Park in Howard City. Please consider memorial contributions to Hospice of Michigan or a local Animal Shelter.

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends & Family

OCT 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

Ensley Park
Corner of Shaw and Sherman Street
Howard City, MI 49329

Tribute Wall



“ Kelly Gage lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Jean Helms



Kelly Gage - October 23, 2020 at 01:09 AM



“ I remember the summers that Katie and I stayed at her house and grandma showed us to clean fish took us to church with her and to the farmers market in Perison and have us pick out melon for our lunch and dinner always crystal light on hand💕 I am so thankful that she got to be in my life for my husband and all of my kids that got to know her and love her. We will always miss and love grandma💕

Tiffany Lepley - October 06, 2020 at 10:16 PM