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Passed away April 18, 2017 at age 82 at her home in Jackson where she was lovingly cared for by her husband and seven daughters. She was born Marilyn Frances Smith on February 28, 1935 in Jackson, MI. Married on May 5, 1956, this year marks almost 61 years of marriage to her husband, John Plachetka.

Marilyn lived her life with incredible grace, and taught everyone who knew her lasting lessons of kindness, acceptance and forgiveness. Her life was centered on her faith, her family and service to others. She raised seven daughters (yes, no boys!), and loved them, her son-in-laws, 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren with all her heart.

A devout Catholic, she was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Fatima Church and officer of the Daughters of St Francis de Sales. For many decades, she worked as an X-ray technician for Jackson's changing hospital systems and delivered Meals on Wheels for over 25 years. She enjoyed the company of good friends and schoolmates in her Dinner Club, and was active in the Model "A" Restorers Club, Spartan Region. She loved to play Bridge, compete with the contestants on Jeopardy and challenge her children and grandchildren to Scrabble (which she almost always won!)

She is survived by her husband, John Joseph Plachetka, Jr.; seven daughters, Cathy (Dave) Schoenfeld of Brooklyn, MI, Mary "Sue" (Wayne) Fransted of Brighton, MI, Teresa (Geoffrey List) Plachetka of Williamston, MI, Lynn Boardman of Jackson, MI, Laurie (Mark) Curran of Highland, MI, Beth (Randall) Rowe of Jackson, MI and Carol (Randy) McCown of Jackson, MI; 17 Grandchildren, Kristan (Jason) Delmarty, John (Colleen) Schoenfeld, Andrew (Lindsey) Schoenfeld, Nicholas (Emily) Fransted, Rebecca (Shawn) McLaughlin; Joseph (Ashley) Fransted, Rachel (Josh) Meisel, Zachary List, Kara (Curtis) Sturgill, Thomas Boardman, Brendan Curran, Brittany Curran; Brianna Curran, Erica (Greg) Denton, Randall Rowe II, Jordan McCown and Chelsea McCown; 17 Great Grandchildren, David, Christopher, Charlie, Lucy, James, Celia, Michael, Lillian, Maxwell, Samuel, Bennett, Harrison, Oliver, Elliott, Rowen, Easton, and Tess; and sister Elizabeth (Herb) Williams of Junction City, WI.



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She was preceded in death by her parents Norman Reed and Frances Louise (Lammers) Smith; three brothers, Thomas, David, and Michael Smith; and two sisters, Joan Muterspaugh and Kathleen Matson.

Visitation for family and friends will be Thursday, April 20, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. (7:00 p.m. Rosary) at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 913 Napoleon Road. Michigan Center, MI. Visitation will continue the following morning on Friday, April 21, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Church followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. with the Reverend Tim MacDonald officiating. Burial will follow at St John Catholic Cemetery in Jackson, MI. Donations may be made in lieu of flowers to Our Lady of Fatima Church, 913 Napoleon Road. Michigan Center, MI 49254. Arrangements by Arthur-Day Funeral Home, Michigan Center, MI.



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WZ

William Zenoniani li posted:

Teresa, I am sorry to hear about the passing of your mother Marilyn. Please accept my condolences. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

April 21 at 8:00 PM

JP

Jp posted:

I am sorry to hear about the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my condolences at this painful time. Losing a loved one is distressing and as comfort is needed from family and friends, it is my hope your family will find comforting the promise at Isaiah 25:8 where we are assured that "death will be swallowed up forever." It is my hope your family will find strength to endure during the days ahead.

April 19 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Marilyn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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