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Age 79, of Michigan Center, passed away Friday, February 16, 2018. Born January 20, 1939 to George Carrol and Georgia M. Loomis, she was raised a truly tough "farmer's daughter." She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Carl "Butch" Rice; grandson, Ryan Rice; and siblings, Melvin Loomis and Betty Shimkus. Irene is survived by her three sons, Carl (Penny) Rice Jr. of Jackson, Tim (Florence) Rice of Leslie and Terry Rice of Jackson; two grandsons, B.J. and Kyle Rice; sister, Nina Gibbs; uncle, Leyland Loomis; many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was a 1957 graduate of Vandercook Lake High School where she played french horn in the band and was the drum majorette. Irene was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan; an avid bowler, she was the Guys and Dolls League secretary for many years. Irene enjoyed many hobbies which included, card parties; dance club; dancing to 50's music, especially Elvis; trips to the casino; lake activities including swimming, boating and skiing; gardening, which included tending to many a family members cemetery plots. She truly enjoyed time with her family and had a special place in her life for her "granddogs" as well. A Celebration of Irene's Life will be held at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 361 E. Grove St., Michigan Center on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 1:00 pm with visitation beginning at 11:00 am. Interment will take place at Woodland Cemetery. Her family request that instead of flowers, you may consider contributions in Irene's memory to the Cascades Humane Society, 1515 Carmen Drive, Jackson, MI 49202.



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