

Mary Ellen Donaldson, 76, of Carney, Michigan, entered her eternal destination of heaven at 3:15pm on Friday, June 23, 2023 while surrounded by her family at her home in Carney.

She was born December 8, 1946 in Paris, Illinois, she was the daughter of the late Bernard and Berna (Richey) Herrington. She married Robert Donaldson on December 7, 1968. They were married for 54 wonderful years. Survivors include her three children, Jeff (Bethany) Donaldson of Naples, Florida, Joy (Robert) Underwood of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Julie (Jon) Motta of Negaunee, Michigan; ten grandchildren and 4 bonus grandchildren; one great-grand child and one bonus great-grand child and several nieces and nephews. Two sisters, Kay Murphey of New Orleans, Louisiana, Colleen (Glenn) Gephart of Dietrich, Illinois. She was preceded in death by a sister, Judith Wilkinson of Concord, California.

Mary was well-known for ever present smile, laugh and love for others. She impacted many as a pastor's wife, teacher and administrator, and friend.

Mary and Bob were part of leading six different churches, and Mary taught at Carney-Nadeau, Superior Central, at schools in Marquette and in Peoria, Illinois.

Mary's goal was to glorify God through her life and her final trial. She accomplished that goal, remaining steadfast in even the darkest of days. She fought the good fight, she finished the race, she kept the faith. She is right now worshipping Jesus, her Lord and Savior, face to face.

Service Information:

Visitation will be from 2:30pm – 5:00pm (Central Time Zone) and a Celebration of Life service at 5:00pm on Wednesday, June 28 at Carney Evangelical Free Church, 52 Church St., Carney Michigan, 49812. Meal to follow. Anderson Diehm Funeral Home in Stephenson, Michigan is responsible for arrangements.

Mary loved the color red. Wear something red if you would like to celebrate Mary.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in Mary's name to help youth in the area. Any expressions may be directed to Bob Donaldson.