



John 14:1-3

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God[a]; believe also in me. 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."



Obituary

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In Loving Memory of *Carletta Jo Zelenka* 1940 - 2022



Carletta Jo (Shaw) Zelenka, 81, passed away on January 18, 2022, surrounded by her loving son and grandchildren. Carletta was born on April 5, 1940, to Joseph Carl Shaw and Eula Ree (Bratcher) Shaw in Mount Vernon, Illinois. Carletta loved being "Meemaw" singing songs to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, crafting, reading, and doing word searches. She looked forward to visiting with family and friends, waiting to hear the latest news of everyone's lives, celebrating their moments of joy and success. Carletta found friendship and connection in her church community while she lived in Sunfield, MI, where she worshiped for many years, and was an active member of the Red Hat Society, which furnished many fun stories to share with her family. Carletta is preceded in death by her parents, spouses, sister (Phyllis Warden), and daughter. Carletta's first husband, Robert Gaston of Hiawatha, KS, passed away unexpectedly in November 1968. Carletta, a widowed mother of two young children, remarried Harold Roy Zelenka in May 1969, and lived in Lake Odessa, MI, until Harold passed away in 2010. Carletta's daughter, Stacey Ann Gaston, passed away tragically in October 1978 in Lake Odessa, MI. Carletta is survived by her son, Robert Gaston, and his wife, Dawn Gaston, of Battle Creek, MI; Grandchildren Allyson (Gaston) and Mark Szymanski, and Bethany (Gaston) and Jai Thorpe of Kalamazoo, MI; honorary grandson, Antonio Velasco-Garcia of Battle Creek, MI; and nieces, nephews and great-nephews, and their families. Carletta cherished her great-grandchildren Coral and Robert Velasco-Garcia and Violet Szymanski. Carletta loved nothing more than being a mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend, and will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to METAvivor, an organization that supports metastatic breast cancer research, a cause close to Carletta's heart.



Carletta Jo Zelenka

Date of Birth

April 5, 1940

Date of Death

January 18, 2022

Celebration of Life

11:00 AM - Tuesday

January 25, 2022

Sunfield United Methodist Church

Officiating

Pastor Laurie Koivula

Interment

Sunfield Cemetery

