



Carolyn Theresa Dumback

June 21, 1942 - April 16, 2019

Carolyn Theresa Dumback, age 76, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, died on April 16, 2019 at her Daughter's home in Pickford, surrounded by her children. She was born on June 21, 1942 in Barbeau, Michigan, to Nelson and Victoria (Bouvet) LaJoie.

Carolyn grew up in Barbeau and attended Loretto Catholic Central High School in Sault Ste. Marie. On February 27, 1960, she married Vernon Walter Dumback at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Barbeau. They made their home on the Dumback Farm and ran the dairy farm together.

Carolyn made many wedding cakes for local newlyweds, and also turned her talents to photography, doing over 150 weddings. She worked Saturdays as a store clerk at Wilcox's Grocery while raising her children. She later worked at McDonalds as a cashier, enjoying meeting new people and working with her daughter-in-law. For many years, she helped her parents run Vicki's Ceramics, creating many wonderful ceramic pieces herself.

Carolyn's favorite job was being a mother to her five children. She made many of their clothes and blankets when they were in elementary school, and she grew and canned all of the family's fruits and vegetables. She had a wonderful raspberry patch that she made raspberry jam and many pies from. She enjoyed being a Grandma even more, making Monster Cookies for them at

Christmas and baby blankets for each of their births.

Carolyn was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Barbeau. She met once a month with her "Church Ladies" to celebrate birthdays, never wanting to miss out on a good party with the ladies. She also enjoyed her week-day morning McDonalds Coffee Club, always working her appointments around them, so she did not miss time with her friends.

Carolyn loved decorating for Christmas and baking cookies and fruit cakes to share. She enjoyed gardening in her rose and flower beds. She also was an avid quilter, which she often did with her daughters. She made sure that each child and every grandchild received a special one. Over the years she enjoyed collecting many Precious Moments and Polish Dishes.

Carolyn is survived by her sons, Albert (Kathleen) Dumback, Mark (Kathy) Dumback, and Brad (Maggie) Dumback all of Sault Ste. Marie; daughters, Kim (Willie) Sauro of Sault Ste. Marie and Tracy (Dan) Rye of Pickford; grandchildren, Katie (Chad) LaVictor, Stephanie (Walt) Komarnizki, Matt (Kelsey Smith) Sauro, Chelsea Sauro, Stacy (Jeremy) Moniz, Davis (Nicole) Rye, Dylan (Angela) Rye, Ethan Anderson, Cory Veihdeffer, Brandon (Hadley Reed) Dumback, AJ (Dana) Howland, and Paul Howland; great-grandchildren, Raylend, Hayden, Jayce, Evan, Carter, Ella, Jayde, Jackson, Kenton, Aiden, and a new great-grandbaby due in September; brother, Wayne (Barb) LaJoie of Rochester, Minnesota.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Vern, of 51 years; her parents; brother, Jim LaJoie; and grandson, Marko Howland.

Visitation will be held on Monday, April 22, 2019 from 4:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. with a prayer service and video tribute at 7:30 P.M. at R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan, 24549 S. M-129, Pickford, MI.

Mass of a Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. at Holy Family Catholic Church, 4585 E 15 Mile Road in Barbeau. There will also be visitation on Tuesday at the church starting at 10:00 A.M.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the E.U.P, or Road to Recovery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Holy Family Catholic Cemetery - On M-129

15 Mile Rd. & M-129
Barbeau, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 22. 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
24549 S. M-129
Pickford, MI 49774
(906) 647-3400
fifh@familylifefh.com
<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

Prayer Service

APR 22. 7:30 PM (ET)

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Visitation

APR **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Barbeau, MI 49710

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Tribute Wall



“ Carolyn Theresa Dumback

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Carolyn Theresa Dumback

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Carolyn Theresa Dumback

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *The world was a better place because of Carolyn & everything she did.*

My thoughts and condolences are with you all.



Chuck Picotte - April 22, 2019 at 11:59 AM

JW

“ *John & Darlene Warren lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Theresa Dumback*



John & Darlene Warren - April 22, 2019 at 08:38 AM

JW

We are sorry to hear of Carolyn's passing. She was a special lady, and will be sadly missed. She raised a great family. She will not be forgotten. Our sincere condolences to the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

John & Darlene Warren - April 22, 2019 at 08:41 AM

TF

“ *The Maleport family purchased the Your Light Shi nes for the family of Carolyn Theresa Dumback.*



The Maleport family - April 20, 2019 at 09:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carolyn Theresa Dumback.*



April 19, 2019 at 08:37 PM

SL

“ I am so sorry to here of your loss. I will so miss our talks about the family tree and trying to keep the family lines out there. She will be sorely missed. Thoughts and prayers. Suzette



Suzette LaJoie - April 19, 2019 at 04:54 PM

BD

“ She lived a beautiful life, raised a beautiful family and will be remembered always! Sharing one of my favorite memories is when mom and I would get away from the store for a few hours to go to Vicki's ceramics and spend time with the ladies. It was always so fun with lots of laughing and time to share stories while we made our crafts. To this day, I know my sister Sandy has one of the little Santa houses that we made and one of the siblings has the other one my mom had. Carolyn was a lovely person and will be sadly missed. My eyes filled with tears the last time I saw her show up at church just as beautiful as always. Prayers and thoughts to all of the family, love always Betty and Tim Daniels

Betty Daniels - April 19, 2019 at 11:04 AM

JH

“ To the family of Carolyn I send my deepest sympathy. Thanks for the memories
Carolyn as a neighbor and friend. You're smile will always be a lasting memory.
Joyce H.

Joyce Henderson - April 19, 2019 at 09:29 AM

SK

My memories of Aunt Carolyn are her sitting at my parents table having coffee and listening to her laugh, being fortunate enough to be the recipient of one of her baby quilts, matching flannel gowns and a Christening Gown that she made for my son 47 years ago, most recent the cousins lunch she hosted in March and her Coconut Cream Pie was the best ever! My thoughts and prayers are with her family. She will be missed.

Sandy Klusack - April 19, 2019 at 12:21 PM

JC

*To my cousins,
I am sorry for your loss. When my Mom was alive and still lived on the farm, her and I would go visit Uncle Vernie and Aunt Carolyn. We had some very good visits. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Judy Carlson and family send our condolences.

Judy Carlson - April 19, 2019 at 12:28 PM



Remembering all of our good times to get her...will miss you..

Jeanette Di Piazza - April 19, 2019 at 11:50 PM