



Joanne Helen Tamlyn

April 22, 1938 - July 27, 2024

Joanne Helen (LaVake) Tamlyn, age 86, of St. Ignace, Michigan, died at Evergreen Living Center, in St. Ignace, on July 27, 2024. She was born on April 22, 1938, in St. Ignace to Nelson Cumming and Helen Elizabeth (Lee) LaVake

Joanne grew up in St. Ignace and graduated from LaSalle High School. She met William "Bill" Bernard Tamlyn Sr. while ice skating and they married on September 19, 1959, raising two children.

She worked as a telephone operator for twelve years before working at a flower shop. She also worked at an optical office and other odd jobs.

Joanne was a homebody and enjoyed painting with acrylics and gardening beautiful flowers. Her yard always looked ethereal. She also had an eye for interior decorating.

Joanne is survived by her daughter, Patina (Robert) Massaway of St. Ignace; son, William Tamlyn of St. Ignace; grandchildren, Sharman (Spencer) Crystal, Kimberly, Robert (Danyelle Douglas) Massaway Jr., and Meghan Colegrove; great grandchild, Aubree Colegrove; brother, Nelson LaVake of Wisconsin; and beloved nieces, April, and Joann LaVake.

Joanne was preceded in death by her husband, William; parents, Nelson, and Helen; niece, Roxanne LaVake; and sister-in-law, Jean LaVake.

Final Resting Place will be at the Gros Cap Cemetery in St. Ignace, Michigan.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Cemetery Details

Gros Cap Cemetery

1502 US-2
St. Ignace, MI 49781

Tribute Wall



“ *Joanne was one of my favorite clients with her quick wit and funny personality! We had a ton of stories to share and lots of giggles! I will miss her dearly! 😞 RIP my friend!* ”

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