



Connie A. Hilyard

March 18, 1964 - September 11, 2025

Connie Ann Hilyard, age 61 of Coldwater (formerly of Clare), passed away peacefully & surrounded by love on Thursday, September 11, 2025, in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Connie was born the daughter of Robert Earl and Carla J. (Petoskey) Hilyard on March 18, 1964, in Clare. Connie was well known for her cooking and baking with family favorites being baklava and pumpkin trifle. She was also an expert at canning things like dilly beans, and making jams - whipping up concoctions such as peach strawberry & strawberry banana.

Connie was also very crafty, having painted many ceramic items, cross-stitching several pieces, beadworking, and sculpting figurines with clay. She also enjoyed gardening and was a proud dog mom and dog grandma.

Connie is survived by her daughter Rebecka and husband Christopher Simmons of Grain Valley, Missouri; her mother, Carla Hilyard of Clare; significant other, Bobi Layne of Coldwater, and siblings, Robert W. Hilyard of Coldwater, and Christal and husband Henry O'Hare of Harrison, in addition to several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, Douglas Hilyard and her father, Robert Hilyard.

In keeping with Connie's wishes, cremation has taken place with her final

resting place to be in the Surrey Twp. Cemetery in Farwell next to her father Robert. A private graveside service will take place at a later date. Arrangements were handled by the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. On-line condolences may be left at www.stephenson-wyman.com.

No flowers or gifts please, the family just asks that you take a moment each day to think of Connie's laugh and smiling face and let it envelop you in warmth & love.

Cemetery Details

Surrey Township Cemetery

101 W. Ludington Dr.
Farwell, MI 48622

Tribute Wall

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“ With Christal & I being best friends, Connie was also so much like a sister to me while growing up & beyond. We all shared so much. Her laughter & smile will be missed. However, I am so thankful she is pain free, happy & at peace in heaven w Jesus.

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