



Kay A. Shilling

October 7, 1935 - December 17, 2016

Kay A. (Merrit) Shilling of Lake, passed away Saturday, December 17, 2016, at Northwoods Nursing Facility after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born in Edmore, MI on October 7, 1935, the daughter of Hollis and Irene Merrit of Remus.

The family moved to Lake in the early 1950's. She graduated from Farwell High School in 1954.

She worked for Dr. Dale Moser as an optician, until her retirement.

Kay was very active in community events, the Lake Community Association, The Farwell Masonic Temple dinners and for years she worked as a volunteer teacher's aide at Farwell Area Schools, and put her heart and soul into the RIF program.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and younger sister Carol Ann Perry. She leaves to mourn her husband and high school sweetheart, Gerald Shilling of Lake. Her stepchildren, Debra Menne of Rayford, NC and Gerald Shilling, Jr. of Alto, MI. Step grandchildren, Tanya Shilling of Southern Pines, NC, Robbie Menne, Jr. of N. Myrtle Beach, SC and Anthony Menne of Rayford, NC. She is also survived by her siblings, Ray and Kathy Merrit of Holt, MI and Drew & Barbara Merrit of Port Huron, MI. Other family members include her brothers in law, Arnold and Jeri Shilling of Lake, and Ron and Barb Shilling of McMillan, MI, and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place, and no services or memorial will be held, per her wishes. She wanted to be remembered as she was while living, happy,

laughing and full of fun. Her kindness and smile brought joy to everyone she came in contact with. She is greatly missed by all who knew her.

Donations may be made to Big "R" & Smokin' Joe's Hospice Benefit, 10813 North Shore Dr, Lake, MI 48632, to build a hospice house in Clare County.