



Carol was thrilled when life turned in a new direction for her during the late eighties. She met a man named Bob Bonarski with whom she found companionship and friendship. They were on opposite ends of the spectrum, but they complimented one another beautifully. Carol and Bob were married on February 14, 1991. They lived in Paw Paw where they remained until Carol drew her last breath. Bob preferred being at home. He loved the polka band and could often be found playing bingo. Carol was always on the go looking for new adventures and visiting with her family and friends.

When grandchildren joined her family, Carol was thrilled and although she was always active, keeping up with these young ones shifted her into an even higher gear. Each one of her five grandchildren was extremely special to her, and she had a close relationship with each one. Carol made time to go on special lunch dates with them, and she sometimes took them to the lake or the mall. There was nothing that was

more special to her grandchildren than the little packages

she surprised them with from time to time. Carol was an integral part of teaching her grandchildren life lessons not through the words she used, but through what she taught by the way she lived her life. Some of the lessons that made the greatest impact were the unconditional compassion and understanding she freely gave to those around her. Traditions were important to Carol as well, and perhaps the most memorable traditions were those the family shared on Christmas morning. The whole family came to Carol's house, usually while they were still in their pajamas, and they stayed all day long.

Although there was nothing more important to Carol than her family, she also enjoyed so many other things. She loved the water and was always looking for every opportunity to stop by a body of water somewhere to find her special peace. Her favorite lake spot was at Maple

Lake in Paw Paw where she would enjoy a senior cup of coffee. A special Mother's Day tradition was shopping with her girls in Chicago where she loved spending time with those she treasured. Carol also enjoyed traveling up the shoreline, usually twice a year, and going on lighthouse tours. When she was relaxing at home, Carol loved crime dramas, especially CSI and NCIS. Carol had a passion for flowers and

gardening. Where ever she lived, she always made the most of the space and had a beautiful array of flowers. And being a passionate gardener, many of the HGTV shows suited her interest.

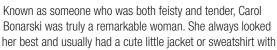




When Carol was diagnosed with terminal colon cancer two years ago she became even more determined to live life to the fullest. She saw to it that every detail was thoroughly covered during her sunset years in order to ensure that everything was in order for her family after she was gone as their well being continued to be

her main focus. The last four weeks of Carol's life were spent with hospice

care in addition to the loving care her daughters provided.



a purse to match, yet she was a natural beauty as well. Carol will be missed for her wittiness, her fun-loving personality, and her adventurous spirit, yet it will be her unending love for others that will be missed most. The memories she leaves behind will remain forever near and dear to the hearts of many.

Carol Ann Bonarski died on October 19, 2011. Carol's family includes her husband, Bob Bonarski; 3 daughters: Gale Heacock (Jim Prihoda); Rochelle (Mike) Birmann and

Terri (Mark) Ross; 5 grandchildren:

Joshua, Justin, Taylor, Nick and Chad; 3 siblings: Harold (Mary) Brininger; Wilma (Louis) Klok and Jack (Kaye) Brininger and many nieces and nephews. Carol was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Richard Brininger. Services will be held Tuesday 11:00 a.m. at the Life Story Funeral Home, Betzler; 6080, 375-2900 with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Maple Grove Cemetery, Mattawan. Please visit Carol's personal web page at www.lifestorynet. com where you can archive a memory or photo or sign her memory book before coming to the funeral home. Memorial donations may be directed to St. Andrew Community Church.





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