



## Marilyn M. Pulcifer

June 26, 1926 - April 20, 2013

Marilyn Marie Pulcifer, 86, of Traverse City passed away Saturday, April 20, 2013 at Grand Traverse Pavilions, Willow Cottage in Traverse City.

Marilyn was born on June 26, 1926 to the late Walter and Marie (Carl) Stiefel in Dimondale, MI. She was a baptized and confirmed member of Christ Lutheran Church in Lansing, MI and continued her Christian Life as an active member of Grace Lutheran Church in Elk Rapids, MI. Her Faith was paramount with constant study and devotion of the word.

From an early age she enjoyed the out of doors, participating in 4H livestock projects and assisting on the family farm. She was an exceptional athlete at Sexton High School in Lansing, MI earning the Outstanding Athlete of her Sr. Class. After high school, Marilyn pursued a nursing degree and was employed at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, as a registered nurse.

On September 17, 1955 Marilyn entered into marriage with John Raymond Pulcifer from Williamsburg, MI. Throughout her life ,Marilyn played an active role in managing the family cherry farm. She was an avid gardener and her gardens were admired by many for their sheer beauty and the effort it took to maintain them. Researching the genealogy of both the Pulcifer and Stiefel families was an added hobby and it was noted that Ancestry.com had nothing over Marilyn. She was a devoted mother, wife and grandmother. In addition to her faith in GOD, family was always a priority in her life.

Marilyn is survived by her loving husband, John R. Pulcifer of Williamsburg, her son, John (Georgia) Pulcifer of Williamsburg, two daughters; Julie Pulcifer of San Marcos, TX, and Gina (Rich) Griffis of Rockford, MI., five grandchildren, John, Morgan, Jennifer, Megan and Mitchell as well as many other loving family members and friends and will be deeply missed by all.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Carl Stiefel.

Private family funeral services will take place at Grace Lutheran Church in Elk Rapids, with Rev. James Redmann officiating on Thursday April 25th. Burial will be held in Acme Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association, Northwest Michigan Chapter, 921 W. 11th Street, Suite 1W, Traverse City, MI 49684 or Grace Lutheran Church in Elk Rapids.

# Cemetery

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## Acme Township Cemetery

100 Grand Traverse Village Blvd On U.S. 31 at the entrance of the Grand Traverse Resort  
Acme, MI, 49610

# Comments

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“ Our sincere condolences to all the Pulcipher family on your loss of dear Marilyn. We remember the vibrancy of her smiling personality when we traveled with her and John years ago to the old MACMA meetings, especially to New Orleans in the early '80's. Marilyn made it all the more fun, and we treasured our time with her! May she now rest in peace.  
With thoughts and prayers,  
Judy and Glenn LaCross

**Judy LaCrosss** - May 28, 2013 at 02:39 PM

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“ John, sorry to hear of your loss of your partner Marilyn, even though it has been a tough few years with her illness. I remember working with my dad on your farm and the meals in the old farm house. Hope to see you on the porch as we drive down 31 one of these days.  
tom plough (Bill and Katy Plough's oldest son)

**tom plough** - April 24, 2013 at 06:35 PM

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“ Dear Pulcipher family,  
Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Great memories from childhood at your farm with our dad helping during cherry harvest and the great end of the season picnics with all the workers. Also the great times at the beach on the bay. Your mom's laugh and smile could brighten any room and the friendship shared with our parents are treasured memories. God bless all of you and may the memories give you comfort. Geri Plough Maxbauer (Bill and Katy's daughter)

**Geri Plough Maxbauer** - April 24, 2013 at 03:40 PM



“ Dear Pulcipher family, Geri has expressed our sentiments exactly. Hoping those great memories heal the heart quickly.  
Anita Plough Scussel

**Anita Scussel** - April 25, 2013 at 02:23 PM