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Frances Irwin 2/22/1940 - 7/8/2023



Fruitport Mrs. Frances Maxine Irwin, age 83, of Fruitport, MI, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Saturday, July 8, 2023. She was born on February 22, 1940, to Max and Helen (Dykema) Rogalla in Muskegon. A lifelong resident

of the area, Frances married Charles West Irwin on August 30, 1958. Together they raised their two children, Joseph (Valerie) Irwin and Paula (John) Rogers. Frances was an active member of First Congregational Church of Fruitport where she served as a deaconess, former treasurer, and a part of the Women's Fellowship. She enjoyed spending her time fishing, bird watching, crafting, and camping, and was a member of the Happy Wanderer Club. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, James Rogalla; and sister, Margaret (Jerry) DeWitt. Frances leaves behind her husband, Chuck Irwin; children, Joseph (Valerie) Irwin and Paula (John) Rogers; grandchildren, Terri Irwin, Tammy (Tim) Dunn, Trisha (Chad) Cantrall, David Rogers, Kristin (Josh) Wessel, and Kara Rogers (Christina Lang); nine greatgrandchildren; one great great-granddaughter; brother, Joseph (Rosemary) Rogalla; sister-in-law, Sharon Rogalla; and many nieces and nephews. A Funeral Service was held Monday, July 17, at First Congregational Church, with Pastor Michael Scott officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Frances' memory may be directed to Harbor Hospice Foundation or First Congregational Church. Arrangements by The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services. Please feel free to share a memory with the family online at *www.sytsemafh.com*.

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Hilliard, Dale F. 10/16/1953 - 7/10/2023



Dale F. Hilliard, age 69, passed away on July 10, 2023, peacefully at home. He was born on October 16,1953, to Virgil and Dorothy (Lakanen) Hilliard. He grew up in Lakeside and resided in the Muskegon area his entire life.

Dale's lifelong love for the outdoors began at a young age on the shores of Muskegon Lake. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and traveling the world with his wife Vicky. In the 90s, Dale and his wife built a home on their land in Sullivan Township where they enjoyed hosting friends and family and watching wildlife in the quiet woodland setting. In his later years, nothing brought him more joy than spending time sharing nature with his grandchildren. Dale retired from Fruitport DPW in 2013. Dale believed in giving back to his community and volunteered with various township boards and conservation organizations. He was a founder of Sportsmen for Youth and helped introduce wild turkeys back into Muskegon County. On April 20, 1974, he married Vicky Smith in Muskegon. She survives him along with two daughters, Jennifer (Shawn) Moore and Hilary (Sarah) Hilliard; two grandchildren, Nate and Deanna Moore and brother, Randy (Julia) Hilliard, as well as his in-laws and many nieces and nephews. Dale was preceded in death by his parents and brother, David Hilliard. A MEMORIAL SERVICE was held for Dale on Saturday, July 15, 2023, at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services with Pastor Mark Nieuwsma officiating. MEMORIALS can be directed to the Sportsmen for Youth. Share memories with the family at *www.sytsemafh.com*. Published by Muskegon Chronicle from Jul. 12 to Jul. 13, 2023. Page 4 • November 2023 • Fruitport Area News



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