



Marilyn Ruth Pape

July 12, 1935 - May 19, 2010

Marilyn Ruth Pape, 74, a lifelong resident of Benton Harbor, passed away Wednesday morning, May 19, 2010, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Marilyn was born July 12, 1935, in Chicago, IL, to William and Marian Pape. She moved to Benton Harbor in 1941 and was a 1953 graduate from Benton Harbor High School and a 1957 graduate from WMU obtaining her BA degree in English. She was among the first graduating class to win diplomas bearing the "university" name since WMU took that status. She later worked for the Dept of Social Services for 18 years. Marilyn was active in the Genealogy Society of South West Michigan, a member of the Fort Miami Historical Society and loved helping at the Morton House. She was also a long-time member of the Peace Temple United Methodist Church in Benton Harbor.

Marilyn loved animals, studying genealogies and having family reunions.

Marilyn is survived by her nieces Stephanie (Bob) Lowe and Jennifer Stevens of Washington State.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents and sisters Beverly Stevens and Caryl Ann Dodd

The Dey-Florin Funeral Home in St. Joseph has been entrusted with the arrangements. Scattering of her ashes will be private at a later date.