



## Carla Jean Kolonich

May 24, 1947 - May 14, 2023

Carla Jean Kolonich, 75, of Eaton Rapids, died peacefully on Sunday, May 14, 2023. Carla was born May 24, 1947 in Jackson, MI, the daughter of Carl G. and Betty Jean (Bobzien) Hendershot. She graduated from Leslie High School in 1965, and soon after married her life-long love, Kenneth Bruce Kolonich on May 28, 1966 in Jackson. Carla and Ken happily raised two children in the Eaton Rapids area, where Ken worked for GM and Carla started her career as school secretary at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Holt. Carla worked over 30 years at St. Matthew Lutheran School, interrupted only by a short stint as a Unit Coordinator at St. Lawrence Hospital and a few years as a pharmacy tech in Eaton Rapids. During her time at St. Matthew Lutheran School, she touched the lives of many children, and even served briefly as a band director. Above all, Carla loved her family.

Carla is survived by her husband of nearly 57 years, Kenneth Kolonich; son, Steve (Marisa) Kolonich of Eaton Rapids; daughter, Tammie (David) Wright of Eaton Rapids; and 6 grandchildren, Kendall Wright, Connor Wright, Caleb Wright, Brooke Kolonich, Evan Kolonich, and Makenzie Walton. She was predeceased by her parents and her brother, Carl Douglas Hendershot.

Friends are encouraged to support Carla's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). A Memorial service will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Grand Ledge. If desired,

the family suggests memorial contributions to Our Savior Lutheran Church.  
The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Carla Jean Kolonich.*



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May 18, 2023 at 06:46 PM



“ *Ken and family, I am so sorry to hear of Carla's passing. I always enjoyed her radiant smile and her friendly greetings at so many Marathons and other races over the years. Her life story tells all of us more about what a wonderful person she was. God be with you all.*

*Joe Wakeley, Grayling*

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“ *To the extended Kolonich Family:*

*May the grace of God be with you at this difficult moment. Please accept my prayers & condolences. God Bless.*

*RICHARD W. WERT*

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**RICHARD W. WERT** - May 16, 2023 at 09:09 PM