



Martha Joan Sollman

April 24, 1923 - December 1, 2023

Martha Joan Sollman, age 100, passed away on December 1, 2023. Martha, known as Joan to her family and friends, was born on April 24, 1923 to the late Anna Cora (nee Weisenberger) and George Downey. She had one beloved older sister, the late Rosemary (Wendell) Lane. Joan spent her early years in Vincennes, Indiana, the small town where she was born. When the Great Depression struck the nation, the family lost everything and moved to Stendal, Indiana. It was in the one-room school house of Stendal that Joan met the love of her life, Perley Sollman. Perley and Joan were wed in 1950 and settled in Detroit, Michigan where they had two children, Michael and Debra. In 1960, they moved to Madison Heights, Michigan, where they raised their family for the next 16 years. In 1976, Perley and Joan moved to Terre Haute, Indiana, where they would spend many happy decades together. Following Perley's death in 2005, Joan returned to Michigan to be near her children and grandchildren.

Joan was the beloved mother of Michael (Carol) Sollman and Debra (the late Otto) Horger. Adored grandmother of Sherry (David) Laitinen, Erica (Andrew) Lewandowski, Lisa (Joshua) Bovia, and Doug (Char) Sollman. Proud great-grandmother of Jonathan Horger-Carver, Taylor Laitinen, Jordan Laitinen, Jacob Lewandowski, Cole Lewandowski, Finlay Bovia, Mirielle Bovia, Sebastian Sollman, and Claire Sollman. Joan cherished her beloved nieces Nancy (the late Martin) McCarroll, Judy (the late Terry) Carmichael and her nephew the late Richard (Mabel) Lane. Joan also leaves behind many great

and great-great nieces and nephews that she loved dearly. She will missed by all who knew and loved her.