



Marlene J. Offenheiser

August 28, 1936 - July 8, 2021

Marlene J Offenheiser Nee LaValley, passed away at home late Thursday evening July 8th, 2021.

Born August 28, 1936, in Chicago IL, the daughter of Martin and Caroline (Borscha) LaValley.

Marlene grew up in Chicago with her siblings, Audrey, Edward and James. She grew up fast and had to make her way as her parents passed away while she was still young. Marlene met James Dunek and they married and had two sons, Kenneth and Michael, they moved out to a farm in Marengo, far from the city of Chicago and raised all kinds of farm animals. She ran the “DAWG House” with her sister-in-law on Rt 20 in Marengo. Her and James divorced and Marlene met and married Jack Offenheiser, they had a daughter, Caroline (Lu), Marlene was overjoyed as she always wanted a daughter. Marlene and Jack ran Offie’s Tap in Huntley and those many stories can be told at her memorial service on her birthday August 28th. Marlene was always up for a pinochle game, fishing, or doing her crossword puzzles, and baking an upside-down pineapple cake. Marlene was a fantastic cook, loved tradition and hosted many holidays over the years where she would include anyone who didn’t have a place to go. She will be greatly missed by all of us, we are blessed to have had her with us for so long.

Marlene is survived by her children, Kenneth (Theresa) Dunek, Michael (Anna) Dunek, and Caroline (Kelly) Beernink; her grandchildren, Ashley Dunek, Alexandra Dunek, Taylor Dunek, Jamie Dunek, Amanda (Dunek) Weber, Alisha(Dunek) Weidel, Andrea Dunek, Joseph Beernink; 6 great-grandchildren; and her sister, Audrey Desch; along with several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of her life will be held at Offie's Tap in Huntley on August 28th.

In lieu of flowers, any donations can be made in her name to the Marengo More Center.

Tribute Wall



“ *Marlene J. Offenheiser*

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“ *Ma's 50th birthday party at here house
I'm sure I can speak for everyone love you going to miss you
personally thanks for teaching me how to shoot pool and treating
me like family
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