God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, 'Peace bethine'.

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

In Loving Memory

Karen Mensinger

August 17,1953 - September 28, 2023

Karen was born on August 17th, 1953. Her sister Shirley took the horse and rode to the neighbour's house through thunder and lightning to get someone to drive her mom from their home at Milo to the hospital in Vulcan, where Karen was born. She was almost born in the truck because their neighbour, Mr. Monner got a flat right on the tracks after he dropped them at the hospital. The family always joked that Karen was just about born on the tracks!

Karen grew up in Vulcan with her mom, Yvonne and her four sisters. There, she met and married her high school sweetheart and soulmate of 53 years, Wally Mensinger in 1970. They moved to Lomond in 1977 and there they raised their 3 children Tammy (Michael) Subasic, Barry (Brandy) Mensinger, and Boyd (Desiree) Mensinger. Her family was her life and she enjoyed spending as much time as she could with her 10 grandchildren, Ethan, Ty, Wyatt, Amelia, Samantha, Summer, Mikah, Kadynce, Melissa and Lyam. With her family, she shared her passions of cooking, crafting, curling, reading, animals and the outdoors.

Karen started her own career as the caretaker of Lomond School when her family was grown. She served on the board of LACE and on the Lomond Curling Club board for a number of years. She held several positions at each organization.

Karen was a lifetime member of the Vulcan Legion Ladies Auxiliary. Karen held many positions on the board of the Ladies Auxiliary including President. She was also District Commander and Sgt. at Arms for many years and at the time of her passing.

Karen quietly took her last breath after a brave fight with cancer and finally an infection that weakened her heart. She will be missed by her immediate family as well as her stepdad, Duane (Rita) Hill, her sisters, Linda (Rob) Appleby, Darlene (Robert) Phillips and her Sister in Law Laurie (Kevin) Klein. She was predeceased by her mom, Yvonne (Duane) Hill and her sisters, Shirley Mock (Gene), and Sharon (Bryan) Huff.

My only regret is that if I had known that the last time I saw you would be the last time I saw you, I would have hugged you a little tighter, told you I loved you a little louder and stayed by your side a little longer. I will always miss you and always love you.