Carol Piligian, 80, of Rochester, died Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2012.

She was born to Margaret Scott and Norman Lee Scott on Nov. 20,1931, in Verona Township. Her given name was Ardene, but she didn't like that name, so she dropped it and changed it to Carol.

She attended Martin School in the country, Bad Axe High School and Wayne State University. Carol worked as a welfare worker. She was a wonderful artist, and belonged to an equestrian club. She was very active in animal support groups. She traveled extensively.

Carol is survived by her husband, Dr. John Piligian; and two daughters, Joanna of Rochester and Ellen Rapson of Birmingham; sister, Harriet Hanson of Haslett; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Wildonna Harrington.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be conducted at a later date.