



CAROL ANN KOPKE, age 79 of Caro, passed away Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at Heritage Hill Assisted Living under hospice care. She was born on May 10, 1933 in Port Huron to the late Gerhardt & Constance (Clement) Vogel. Carol received M.A. degrees in both Library Science and Counseling; as well as her PhD. in Counseling from University of Michigan. She worked for General Motors for almost 20 years first as an Editor and Research Writer, then Senior Librarian and then as an Administrator for their Employee Assistance Program. She was proud of her work providing EAP assistance and developing drug and alcohol-free workplace initiatives to 51 plants in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

She thoroughly enjoyed that "the guys in the plants" called her "Mom". She also devoted much time to crisis intervention work in the Detroit inner city, with an emphasis on alcoholism counseling and suicide prevention. She was always interested in politics and enjoyed reading, eating a good meal, napping in front of a fire, and watching the Pistons play basketball or the Wolverines play football. Carol is survived by her daughters: Leslie Hall and her husband William of Caro and Ann-Laurie Drogowski and her husband Mark, of Cheboygan, 6 grandchildren, Lauren Zolinski, Matthew Drogowski, Michael Drogowski, David Drogowski, Lindsay Hall and Ryan Hall, and a sister Pat Preininger of Florida. She was preceded in death by her husband Richard Kopke and brother Gerhardt Vogel. Cremation has taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory of Bay City. A memorial service will take place Saturday, February 9, 2013 at Colwood Church of Caro, at 11 am with Pastor Jason Garwood officiating. A gathering of friends will begin at 10 am at the church until time of services at 11 am. Memorials may be sent to Guest House, 1601 Joslyn Rd, Lake Orion, MI 48360, or the Hometown Home Health & Hospice, 1681 Woodbridge Park Dr, Lapeer, MI 48446. The family would like to thank Elaine Ewald of Hometown Hospice and the Staff of Heritage Hill Assisted Living for their loving and compassionate care. Arrangements were entrusted to the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach, www.RamseyFH.com