

Esther Barth, 82 of Stanley, died Thursday, February 15, 2024 at Turner Integrity Care-Thorp under the care of St. Croix Hospice. She was born on June 15, 1941 to Cecil and Dorothy (Turner) Leech of Donald, WI. She attended Donald grade school and later graduated from Gilman High in 1960. Esther worked in the Wausau area for a short time.



She married Bob Barth of Thorp on May 11, 1963 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Thorp. The couple settled in Stanley and lived in the "Little Red House" by the Stanley IGA. Esther worked for Swim's Bakery, Sears, Hand craft shops and home cleaning until her health didn't allow her to continue.

Esther was a member of the Chippewa County Homemakers Club for 45 years; serving as District officer and President. She also was a member of the Red Hat Society where she enjoyed the fun with the girls and proudly wore the Red Hat. In spite of her many health problems she always dressed up and wore a smile that was an inspiration to many. Esther also enjoyed her many trips with family.

She is survived by her siblings, Doris Kmiecik of Stanley, Alice (Chet) Karpinski of Thorp, Leon Leech of Muskego, Arlene Henry of Alabama, Karen (Dave) Potaczek and Delmar (Mary) Leech both of Thorp and many nieces and nephews. Esther is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Bob (2019), her brothers, Earl, Marvin and Edward and her sister, Diane in infancy.

A funeral service will take place at 11AM on Thursday, February 22, 2024 at the Plombon Funeral Home with Rev. Kenneth Schmidt officiating. Burial will follow in the Donald Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to services Thursday morning.