



Ellen Kerre

September 21, 1950 - September 3, 2015

Ellen Kerre, age 64, of Royal Oak, passed away September 3, 2015 after a short, but strong battle with brain cancer. She was born September 21, 1950 in Detroit to the late Ernest and Sara Endress. Ellen was the loving mother of Matt (Mary) and Laura; sister of Marie Maier, Mary Lee Passatta and the late Susan Dunmire; and proud grandmother of Hailey Chagnon. Loving aunt, cousin, and friend to everyone who met her.

Ellen was the selfless matriarch of her family who would always go out of her way to make sure everyone else was happy before thinking of herself. She had many pets throughout the years and loved them dearly. Ellen graduated from Oakland University and worked as an executive assistant for a consulting firm. She enjoyed cooking and was well-known for her breakfast biscuits and éclair cake. Ellen loved her TV, especially reality shows, The Big Bang Theory, and the Detroit Tigers. She also was a breast cancer survivor.

Memorial visitation Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 1 p.m. until the time of service 4 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions for her granddaughter's education are appreciated. Please make checks payable to Matthew Kerre.

Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

SEP **19**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ellen Kerre.*



September 18, 2015 at 01:25 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ellen Kerre.*



September 18, 2015 at 10:06 AM



“ *My prayers are with you Marie, and with Ellen and her entire family. Reading the comments about Ellen and her life, makes me wish I would have had the privilege of knowing her personally, but through you, her loving sister, I got to know a little bit about her.*

Stay strong Marie, and know that Ellen is in a much better place and once again happy and at peace looking down on you with that great big smile of hers.

*Love and prayers,
Dill*

Dill - September 16, 2015 at 05:10 PM

EI

“ Elizabeth Ilka purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ellen Kerre.



Elizabeth Ilka - September 15, 2015 at 02:41 PM

MW

“ Rip aunt Ellen. Thank you for everything you have done for our family. You will be missed everyday. Love, Matt, Michelle, Matt and Megan

michelle ward - September 15, 2015 at 01:12 PM

AN

“ Ellen was a great to work with, willing to put up with all of our nonsense in our jobs. I just cannot believe this has all happened, we just saw her in Orlando and Cleveland in July. She was excited about her son's upcoming wedding weekend and talking about setting up support for her people while she was out to celebrate. I will miss Ellen dearly and whenever I go to pick up the phone to call her, I will remember her sweet nature and true professionalism. Rest in peace. All God's mercy to her loved ones. Andrea

Andrea - September 15, 2015 at 09:40 AM



“ To my cousin Ellen who I will always remember as Bonnie. She was one of the first cousins that I met when I came over from Japan, probably the first blonde I ever met. I have some early memories of family times together and trips we took together. Didn't see a lot of each other after my family moved to PA, but she helped me fit in after I came back to Detroit in the early 70s taking me shopping and giving me wardrobe advice! Haven't seen her for a very long time afterward but she will always have a special place in my heart and in my memories! My condolences to her kids and granddaughter. I promise I will come back to meet them sometime soon! Take care and God bless you all!

Jayson Kriedler

Jayson Kriedler - September 15, 2015 at 08:39 AM

MW

RIP my sweet aunt Ellen. Thank you for all you have done for my family. You are at peace now and will be missed everyday. Love, Matt, Michelle, Matt and Megan ward

michelle ward - September 15, 2015 at 09:54 AM

EI

Ellen and I, along with my twin sister Susan, grew up with Ellen. We knew her back then as Bonnie. We beat a path between Glastonbury and Rosemont, went from little kids playing with dolls to Beatle fans and Grandie Ballroom regulars. She helped move me to Toronto when I married. And though over the years we were separated physically we always stayed in touch and I visited her as often as I could. I miss her more than words can say. She was a wonderful "tiger" mom, looking after her children. Rest in peace my beautiful, loving friend. I shall miss our phone calls.

Elizabeth Ilka - September 15, 2015 at 01:27 PM

MM

I loved my sister Ellen, so much and will miss her forever and ever. May the aches in our hearts gradually turn into wonderful memories of her. Gone too soon but not ever forgotten.

Marie Maier - September 15, 2015 at 08:02 PM

LJ

“*To Ellen and her lovely family Matt, Mary, Laura, Hailey, her beloved niece Ann, and the rest of her family and friends, you are all in my most sincere prayers. Ellen and I were friends for 27 years and she was truly the smartest woman I knew. I stole her from every job she had to have her work with me and share her professionalism and expertise. Her terrific sense of humor, her calm demeanor, her strength, and her compassion for family, friends, co-workers and pets will be with me always. She was a selfless human being and we spent countless hours working together and even more hours laughing. You were my very dear friend Ellen and I miss you so much. May you find peace in God's loving arms until I see you again. Love you.*”



Leslie Johnson - September 14, 2015 at 04:52 PM

PD

“ To the entire Kerre Family, but especially Matt and Mary, and Laura and Hayley, I'm so sorry for your loss; Ellen was a beautiful person and I never heard her say anything bad about anyone; I'll always remember her tasty treats at the Labor Day & Memorial Day picnics at Rick & Lin's; to this day, making Chocolate Eclair Cakes are one of my favorite dishes to bring to a pot luck & I learned how from Ellen; your family is so young to lose someone so important in your lives; you have my deepest sympathy and I will keep your and your families in my daily prayers; I will have to miss Ellen's memorial since I will be away on vacation; take pride in having had such a wonderful mother, and a wonderful grandmother to Hayley - all our love, Paul & Sue Decelle and our kids 💕

Paul & Sue DeCelle - September 14, 2015 at 03:59 PM