



## Ellen L. Plume

May 14, 1930 - December 11, 2018

Ellen Louise Plume, age 88, passed on December 11, 2018, at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital in Clinton Township, Michigan after a short illness. Born in Beaufort, North Carolina on May 14, 1930, Ellen was a high-spirited person, a natural-born dancer who sometimes remarked that it was only her shortness that kept her out of the Rockettes. She was known for her sense of humor, her love of music, and her outgoing personality, and wanted always for the people around her to be smiling.

Marriage brought her to her adopted home state of Michigan, where she raised her family and was active in school and community affairs in the Utica/Sterling Heights area. She did volunteer work in the schools and was a member of the Utica Tuesday Club and of the Business and Professional Women's Club. She acted as the office manager and bookkeeper for Travel Products, the family business.

Later in life, Ellen embraced travel as a way to meet a variety of people and see the great sights of this country and several European countries. Often, she traveled with one or another of her close friends who started out wary of travel, and ended up eager to travel again.

She was predeceased by a daughter, Carol Jean Plume; a grandson, Alan Kunkler; and her sister, Mary Hawke. She is survived by daughters Karen (Tom) Kunkler of Oxford, Michigan and Marcia (John) Ross of Rothesay, New Brunswick, Canada; grandchildren, Joel and Carol Ross; her brother Clyde Congleton of Beaufort, North Carolina; several nieces and nephews; and the many people for whom she became an adopted mother or grandmother.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, December 14, 2018 at 1 PM at the New Life Presbyterian Church in Sterling Heights, MI. Interment will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, 25200 Telegraph Rd, Southfield, MI 48033, <https://www.epilepsymichigan.org>.

# Cemetery Details

Private

## Previous Events

### Memorial Service

DEC 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

New Life Presbyterian Church  
11300 19 Mile Rd.  
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

# Tribute Wall

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“ Ellen was one of my favorite members where I work. When Ellen came into the office she always had an amazing story about her life and the friends she missed. One of my favorite memories was her flirting with the maintenance department and she called them her "boyfriends" I am going to miss seeing her greatly this spring when the weather gets warmer. Will never forget a beautiful woman 😊  
Tina

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