



Ellen Barrett Prince

May 29, 1947 - March 29, 2023

Ellen Barrett Prince, a longtime resident of Royal Oak, passed away on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at the age of 75. A daughter of Patrick and Bernice Barrett (nee Le Barge), she was born on May 29, 1947 in Alpena. Ellen attended Catholic Central High School in Alpena before graduating from St. Joseph School of Nursing in Flint.

Ellen healed the Royal Oak community first as a nurse in medical surgery before moving to the ICU at Beaumont Hospital. When Beaumont opened its outpatient surgical center, Ellen was the first head nurse assigned to its pre-op and recovery rooms. She went on to manage other outpatient surgical units before retiring in 2012 after 44 years of service.

Warm, kind, and compassionate, Ellen was an excellent caregiver. She loved animals and flowers- especially the roses she grew in her garden. She knitted in her free time and was a talented cook. Ellen will be dearly missed by her many friends and loving family.

Loving mother of Peter. Cherished grandmother of Liam and Willow. Dear sister of Beth Curtis. Proud aunt to many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents; sister, Jane; brother, Jim; and brothers-in-law Terry Schefke and Tim Curtis.

A memorial service for Ellen will be held in the summer. Please return to our website for updated service information. Ellen will be laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery in Alpena.

Donations in Ellen's memory may be made to Residential Hospice, 5440 Corporate Dr., Suite 100, Troy, MI 48098 or Hospice of Michigan, 199 Long Rapids Rd., Alpena, MI 49707.

Tribute Wall

KW

“ I am so saddened to hear of Ellen's passing. I met her in 1995 when she hired me on 3 N and followed her to the Procedure suites. Her friendship, kindness, and compassion will always be cherished.

Karen Wesoloski - March 30, 2023 at 02:20 PM

LM

Loved Ellen when I worked at Royal Oak PACU. She was a kind and sweet soul. 🙏
Linda Mansoor

Linda Mansoor - March 30, 2023 at 03:53 PM

JK

She was the very best nurse manager at Royal Oak Beaumont. I truly loved working for Ellen. My prayers go out to the family.

Judi Kowalczyk - March 30, 2023 at 06:45 PM

CF

Loved working for Ellen she was the best.

cindy fekin - March 31, 2023 at 09:24 AM

AR

I worked for Ellen for about 10 years at Royal Oak and I have never had a better manager. Ellen was more than a manager she was a friend too. My heart is broken but the memories will last forever.

Allison Rosko - March 31, 2023 at 12:19 PM

SA

Dear Ellen
I'll be praying for you
May God hold you in the palm of his hands
Rest in peace

Sabah Acho

sabah acho - March 31, 2023 at 02:00 PM



A very kind and sweet soul.

Herman Young - April 01, 2023 at 10:19 AM