



Eloise Ann Kester

March 22, 1954 - November 30, 2025

Eloise Ann "Ellie" Kester, a resident of Bloomfield Hills, passed away on Sunday, November 30, 2025, at the age of 71. A daughter of Alton and Louise Kester, she was born on March 22, 1954 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Ellie lived a life defined by intelligence, curiosity, and quiet determination. She earned her master's degree in chemical engineering from Wayne State University and a master's degree in business administration from Marygrove College. She spent the early part of her career with Ford Motor Company at the Rouge plant, where she was among the first generation of women to join the management team. She later continued her work in the steel industry as a chemical engineer and retired from Severstal after many dedicated years.

Ellie was deeply committed to helping others. Following her retirement, she volunteered with the Oakland Literacy Council, sharing her patience and love of learning with adults working to improve their reading skills.

She enjoyed a life filled with simple adventures and steady joys. Ellie loved the outdoors and had a special affection for animals, especially her two cats and Jane's dog, Ike. She explored Great Lakes lighthouses in Michigan and Ohio, hiked local trails, and attended live music events and concerts in the park. Ellie was an avid reader of mystery novels and took great pleasure in staying active; she played softball in college and on recreational teams as an

adult. During her undergraduate years at the University of Pittsburgh, she also swam competitively on the university swim team.

Ellie will be remembered for her warmth, generosity, and kind spirit. She formed strong bonds with friends and family, including her best friend, Jane Moss. Ellie will also be lovingly missed by her adopted Michigan family.

She is survived by her brothers Casey (Wanda), Jim (Julie), Dan, and Will (Tina); sister-in-law, Leanne; and by her nieces and nephews Robert, Jennifer, Lauren, Jamison, Richard, Natalie, and Lindsay. Ellie was preceded in death by her brother, Jeff.

Donations in Ellie's memory may be made to Michigan Humane Society, 2937 E. Grand Blvd, Suite 800, Detroit, MI 48202.

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