



## Ethel Ellison

May 27, 1922 - January 18, 2012

Ethel Ellison nee Tasker, age 89, a 62-year resident of Royal Oak, died January 18, 2012 at her home, surrounded by her children. She was born May 27, 1922 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada to the late John Tristan and Edith Dorothy Tasker. Mrs. Ellison was a 1939 graduate of Northern High School in Detroit. She was a volunteer at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She was a member of the Wapiti-Elks BPOE #1523 and of the Altar Guild Episcopal Churches. She is survived by her children, Judith Ellison of Royal Oak, Jacqueline Ethel Les Beecher of Madison, WI, Patricia David Byrne of Crystal River, FL, Diane Bruce Habel of Houston, TX, Mayor Jim Jodie Ellison of Royal Oak and David Joan Ellison of Olympia, WA; siblings, Grace Pank of Clawson and Bob Tasker of Royal Oak; 17 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Arthur Ellison, on January 13, 2008; the couple married August 2, 1941 at the National Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak; brothers, Louis, Norman, John and Edward Tasker; and sister, Marjorie Buckberry. The visitation will be Friday 2-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blocks E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Mrs. Ellison will lie in state Saturday 9 a.m. until the time of service 10 a.m. at St. David's Episcopal Church, 16200 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, with the Rev. Chris Yaw officiating. The burial will take place at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak. Memorials to the South Oakland Boys and Girls Club appreciated. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).



# Tribute Wall

CZ

“ Dear Jim and Family, I want to offer sincere sympathy to your family from my Zimmerman family. We have been friends for years, and it was with great sadness that I read of your Mother Ethel's death. What a long life she was blessed with, and time to witness her children and grandchildren's successes. I am sure she was proud of all of you, and dearly loved. You are all in my thoughts and prayers as you walk down this difficult path yet again. Take good care of each other. Sincerely, Cathy Naas Zimmerman

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**Catherine Naas Zimmerman** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Jim, I am so sorry to hear of your mothers passing. My sincere condolences to your family. Our prayers are with you.

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**Steve Brown** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Sorry for your loss, Jim. Already been there with our moms, but I do believe we'll all be back together some day..... Rick & Maureen Sage

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**Rick & Maureen Sage** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ May you find comfort in wonderful memories of your mom. No more worries. She is at peace. You are in our thoughts. Love you all, Dale & Karin V. xoxo

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**Dale & Karin Vigliarolo** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ With condolences and sympathy to the entire Ellison Family. The Andrzejak Family

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**Michael Andrzejak** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PV

“ Dear Ellison Family: We are sorry for the loss of Ethel. Jim and Ethel used to sit in front of us at St. David's. It was such a joy to have known them both. Your parents donated some additions to the church organ and every time we hear it play at church we think of your loving parents. They were great people and we miss them dearly. Our prayers to all the family during this difficult time and the future.

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**Paul and Barbara Veselenak** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Jim, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire Ellison clan during this difficult time.

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**Cate Foltin** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Condolences Jim to you and your entire family.

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**Tom Regan** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JI

“ We are sorry for your loss. We have such fond memories of Jim and Ethel. May Ethel rest in peace. Tom & Jan Ivinson

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**Jan Ivinson** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

IL

“ *Jim and Jodie, I am so sorry for your loss. Losing your Mom is so hard. It's obvious that she was a great person, and, I'm sure, very loved by you and your whole family. I will definitely keep you in my prayers in this difficult time.*

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**Ilene Lanfear** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM