



## Ethel Carolyn Lewis

October 13, 1936 - January 9, 2015

Ethel Carolyn Ackerman Lewis, age 78, of Birmingham, MI died January 9, 2015 of complications from a stroke and a colon infection. She was born October 13, 1936 in Monroe, MI to Anna and Joseph Ackerman, the last of 10 children and the last of the Ackerman children to survive. After graduating from Dundee High School, Ethel received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in English at the University of Michigan and her Master's in Library Science at Wayne State University. She married Charles Alonzo Lewis of Frankfort, MI in September 1965; Charles died of cancer in 1984. She held editing and library jobs in the 1960's and 1970's, including a position at Detroit Public Library and published a children's story in a national magazine. After Charles' death, Ethel earned her paralegal certificate and eventually obtained her J.D. from the University of Detroit. As an attorney, she specialized in family law concerns. Ethel loved to read mysteries, watch the Detroit Tigers and Pistons, shop for bargains, do crossword puzzles and crafts, grow flowers and vegetables, and cook for others. She will be remembered mostly for her sense of humor and her intelligence. She is survived by two children, Brian Charles Lewis of White Bear Lake, MN and E. Alison Lewis of Birmingham, MI; a sister-in-law, Faye Ackerman of Maybee, MI; and many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, January 15 from 5 pm until the time of funeral, 7 pm at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. 4 blocks E. of Woodward, Royal Oak. She will be cremated and her ashes laid to rest in Ann Arbor, MI near those of her beloved sister, Mrs. Catherine Ackerman Hebert.



# Tribute Wall

CG

“ *It looks like your mother was a brightly shining light. Thinking of you and sending you my condolences.*

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**Cheryl Gfrerer** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Alison, So sorry to hear about your loss. Our deepest sympathies and condolences go out to you and your family during this difficult time. Sincerely, John, Heather and the girls*

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**John Krebs** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Alison, my deepest sympathies to you and your brother for the loss of your mother. I know she will be sorely missed. Love, Bob*

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**Robert Settle** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *May your memories of your mother sustain you now and always, Brian.*

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**Larry** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sorry for your loss.*

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**Robert Ackerman** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Allyson and Brian, my heart is deeply sorrowed at the news of your mother's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Sincerely, Bren*

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**Brenda Ludlow** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM