



Dianne Lynn Hettinger

March 19, 1952 - April 23, 2026

Dianne Lynn Hettinger, 74, was called home to the Lord at sunset on April 23, 2026. She was surrounded by family when she entered into rest. If there were angels on earth, she was one. Dianne was born on March 19, 1952, in Escanaba, Michigan, and was the daughter of Marvin and Delores (Hill) Kivekas. She graduated from Rock High School in 1970, top of her class. Soon after high school graduation, she moved to Lansing, Michigan, where she met the love of her life, Dennis Hettinger, under fireworks on the 4th of July in 1970. They were married shortly after, on April 3, 1971. They were married for 55 years. They had a love like no other, anyone that knew them knew how strong their love was. "Together Forever HB + Me" - Dianne. They were blessed with two daughters, Michelle and Kristen, and four grandchildren, Madison, Sarah, Alexander, and Olivia.

Dianne's greatest wealth was her family. She was loved by all who encountered her. She had a great sense of humor and when you went to her with any problem, she did not half listen, but she heard everything with her whole heart.

Dianne was also a faithful woman, with God and her family being the most important things to her. She loved returning home to the "Yoopers land," where so many cherished memories were rooted. At home, she found joy in journaling, tending to her beautiful gardens - the bunny, angel, and flower

gardens - and filling the house with music, warmth, and the comforting smells of cooking and baking. She loved dancing in the kitchen with Dennis, sharing stories from the good old days, and welcoming company with coffee and homemade "goodies." Whether it was going to the movies, enjoying picnic dates with Dennis, decorating the home, or creating beautiful flower arrangements, she brought love and care into everything she did. Above all else, what she treasured most was hearing the words, "I love you, Grandma."

She was purpose-driven, as well as a woman who gave selflessly of her time and her words of wisdom. We will miss her forever but are eternally grateful to God for having given us the most one-of-a-kind wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend.

Dianne is survived by her husband, Dennis Hettinger; two daughters, Michelle (Christopher) Lennon and Kristen Owens (Patrick Day II); four grandchildren, Madison and Alexander Lennon, Sarah Owens (Mitchell Pollard), and Olivia Owens; her sister, Julie (Loren) Whipple; and her nephew, Nathan Whipple. Dianne is reunited with her parents, Delores and Marvin Kivekas; her brother, Dwayne Kivekas; her nephew, Ian Kivekas; her grandma and grandpa, Clara and Reno Kivekas; her and Dennis's beloved kitty cat, Maynard; and other loving family and friends.

Friends are encouraged to support Dianne's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation is Wednesday, April 29, 2026, 5 - 8 p.m. Funeral services are Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Chris Lennon officiating. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Preborn! (give.preborn.com) or Disabled American Veterans (DAV.org). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

APR **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
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Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Dianne Lynn Hettinger



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 29 at 12:05 PM

DH

I Love You So Much Honey and am so lonely without you. I would give anything to have you here with me and the kids. I am so lonely without you !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dennis Hettinger - May 24 at 07:51 AM

DH

Hi Honey I love you so very much and I miss seeing you. It just hurts so much I don't know what to do. I am so lonely without you.

Dennis Hettinger - June 04 at 05:11 PM

IB

I miss her so much, miss talking to her , sharing a cup of coffee. And must of sharing our Eid God together. And laughing together.

Iola Belt - Yesterday at 09:13 PM

IB

Love

Iola Belt - Yesterday at 09:14 PM

CF

“ Courtney Quinn, Kyle Ellard and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dianne Lynn Hettinger.

Courtney Quinn, Kyle Ellard and Family - April 29 at 07:29 PM

CF

“ Courtney Quinn, Kyle Ellard and Family purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of Dianne Lynn Hettinger.



Courtney Quinn, Kyle Ellard and Family - April 29 at 07:29 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Dianne Lynn Hettinger.



April 29 at 04:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dianne Lynn Hettinger.

April 29 at 04:40 PM



“ 75 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 29 at 11:58 AM



“ Jacob Hettinger and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dianne Lynn Hettinger.



Jacob Hettinger and Family - April 28 at 02:33 PM



“ Hi Miss B I love you so much and miss you more than I can explain. It is so lonely without you honey. But because of God’s grace, I know you are with Jesus right now. Thank you for our two beautiful daughters, for the way you raised them, and the wonderful parents they have become. I want to thank ECHRS facility, nurses and the CNA’s on both shifts, for their personal kindness and sharing your life and stories with Dianne. She loved sharing hers with you too. Also the Café Nutrition girls for being so kind! Dianne and I love you all, for your work, help and laughter over the last few months. May god bless all of you. As God blessed our lives. LOVE YOU HONEY HB

HB - April 28 at 10:04 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dianne Lynn Hettinger.*



April 27 at 12:09 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear this, will always remember the neighborhood coffee hours Dianne was a part of. Please accept my condolences.*

Donis Grove - April 27 at 12:02 PM



“ *Dan and Kathy Hettinger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dianne Lynn Hettinger.*

Dan and Kathy Hettinger - April 27 at 09:13 AM



“ *Dan and Kathy Hettinger purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dianne Lynn Hettinger.*



Dan and Kathy Hettinger - April 27 at 09:13 AM



“ *Sending our condolences from the staff at ECHRS*

ECHRS - April 27 at 08:53 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dianne Lynn Hettinger.



April 27 at 08:40 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dianne Lynn Hettinger.

April 27 at 08:40 AM



“ We were neighbors of Dianne and Dennis. I will miss the calls and visits with Dianne. One of my fondness memories with the Hettinger's was the Nutcracker. Dianne or Dennis would put this 4 foot tall Nutcracker in their yard facing our house. The Nutcracker would show up in different parts of their yard always pointing to our house. When we moved to Eaton Rapids the Nutcracker showed up one day in our yard for a visit. That was so funny. What a great family, Dianne will be missed by many but never forgotten.

Kathie Hanks - April 26 at 02:10 PM



“ Gordon, Kathie Hanks and family. purchased the Love's Tapestry for the family of Dianne Lynn Hettinger.



Gordon, Kathie Hanks and family. - April 26 at 01:54 PM

DJ

“ I remember being welcomed into their home when I met Kristen at Girl Scouts well way before Girl Scouts kindergarten I believe. She was always a sunny break person and I know she is greatly missed. Thoughts and prayers to the family

Danielle Jackson - April 25 at 10:40 PM

KJ

“ Such an amazing woman. I loved listening to all of your stories Dianne. I will never forget all of the laughs we shared.

Kirsten Jones - April 25 at 08:33 PM

WF

“ With sympathy, Eva Zerrudo and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dianne Lynn Hettinger.

With sympathy, Eva Zerrudo and family - April 25 at 07:08 PM

WF

“ With sympathy, Eva Zerrudo and family purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of Dianne Lynn Hettinger.



With sympathy, Eva Zerrudo and family - April 25 at 07:08 PM

IB

“ Diane was a very good friend, she helped me out a lot in my growing in the love of our lord, will always remember her in helping me to get my life in the right direction of life with my lord. She was a very good friend , I wish I would have known her longer.



Iola Belt - April 25 at 03:36 PM

RC

“ I'm so sorry for the loss in praying for the family I went to school with their daughters And I think girl scouts with the daughters

renee chapman - April 25 at 03:36 PM

KF

“ Kimmie Forrester lit a candle in memory of Dianne Lynn Hettinger



Kimmie Forrester - April 25 at 02:52 PM

KF

“ You are going to be missed so much my Angel Friend. I am going to miss our talks, goofy ideas and laughs.

Kimmie Forrester - April 25 at 02:46 PM

TH

“ *The Hettinger's purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Dianne Lynn
Hettinger.*



The Hettinger's - April 25 at 02:06 PM

MW

“ *Dianne was one of the best friends I ever had. I knew her since
1975 and loved her like a sister forever. I will miss her more than i
can ever say. I have so many wonderful memories of time spent
with the whole family to keep her memory near and dear to my heart
forever. She will be missed.*

Mary Wilkins - April 25 at 01:39 PM

TB

*Hugs and prayers to the entire family. Dianne was a wonderful lady. I
will always remember her kindness. I'm grateful I got to know Dianne
through my friendship with Kristen. My favorite memory is visiting
Dianne with Kristen to have coffee and great conversation. Her family
meant the world to her.*

Traci Bell - April 26 at 06:17 AM

EZ

*Dianne and I met in 1971. She was 19 and I was 17, we were both newlyweds and from out of town. Our husbands were friends from Boy Scouts and also worked at the same place. They decided that we each needed a friend. We went on a few double dates. Then we started meeting at each other's house to make homemade pizza and play cards. They taught me how to play euchre. I still play euchre regularly since there are many Midwest transplants in Arizona. I often think about how much fun I had learning those many years ago!
In 1972 Michelle was born 20 days after my son, Rick. We had so much fun learning to be new mothers together! In 1974 I moved back to the Detroit area to be near my parents. However, we kept in touch through visits, phone calls, cards and letters. We drifted apart in the last few years, but Dianne will always be my oldest and dearest friend. Peace be with you and your family my dear friend. Love, Eva*

Eva Zerrudo - April 28 at 03:13 PM