



## Donna Jeanne Tirrell

April 25, 1934 - October 30, 2020

Donna Jeanne (Lovell) Tirrell was born on April 25, 1934 in Lake Odessa, Michigan to Gordon and Margarette Lovell and died at age 86 on October 30, 2020 at home with Don at her side. Donna Jeanne graduated from Vermontville High School in 1952 and went on to Lansing Business Institute. After graduation, she went to work at Oldsmobile as an Executive Secretary until she married Don on November 7, 1954 when she became a farm wife. Over the years, she raised three children and kept their home in order while Don worked the fields. Donna Jeanne was involved in Church Circle at Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church and for several years was the wedding reception planner, meeting with the brides to help plan their receptions. She was involved with I-Go-You-Go club, Farm Bureau, worked at Smith's Men's Wear, volunteered at Hayes Green Beach Hospital and was Carmel Township Treasurer for 12 years. She and Don enjoyed spending time at Indian River, Michigan, and enjoyed sitting on the dock watching the boats. They enjoyed spending a few weeks in the winter at Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. Donna Jeanne was also known to make cookies for the neighborhood kids who played ball in her yard.

Donna Jeanne is survived by her husband of 65 years, Don; children, Vickie (Greg) Shaver of Charlotte, MI, Bill Tirrell of Roscommon, MI and Tom (Deanna) Tirrell of Tulsa, OK. Also surviving are 7 grandchildren, Jamie (Travis) Reed of LaGrange Park, IL, Dan (Jill) Shaver of Charlotte, Chad (Stacy) Weldon of Grand Ledge, Megghan (Niki) Ravan of Hastings, Don

(Caitlin) Tirrell of Eaton Rapids, Alex (Sarah) Tirrell of Tulsa, OK and Maggie Tirrell of Overland Park, KS; 10 great-grandchildren along with cousins, nieces and nephews; and special friends Pat and Bub Briggs. She was preceded in death by her brother, Kendall in May, 2020.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at the family farm in Charlotte with Pastor Jack Conklin officiating. Visitation will be at Pray Funeral Home on Monday, November 2 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., and again on Tuesday, November 3 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Mask, group capacity, and distancing guidelines will be observed. The funeral will be webcast and may be viewed from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com), click on Donna's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). Just prior to the beginning of the service, a link will appear on this page to watch the webcast. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Eaton Community Palliative Care or Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Donna on her Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Visitation

NOV 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
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Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral Ceremony

NOV 4. 2:00 PM.

Inactive - 676 W. Broadway Hwy. Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Donna Jeanne Tirrell*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - November 04, 2020 at 12:55 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna Jeanne Tirrell*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - November 01, 2020 at 03:13 PM

DK

*Vickie & Greg,  
Keeping you in our thoughts during this time.  
Randy & Debbie*

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**Debbie kelley** - November 02, 2020 at 09:07 AM

LC

“ *My heartfelt sympathies to all of the Tirrell family during this difficult time. I remember Mrs. Tirrell as a "band mom" but more importantly her smiling eyes and kind smile. May you forever rest in heaven.*

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**Laura Cooper** - November 04, 2020 at 11:18 AM

TH

“ Our sympathies to all of you...We are not able to attend Donna Jeanne's visitation, but are thinking of you all this week...

Terry & Leah Horn - November 03, 2020 at 08:59 AM

SA

“ Steve Stanton & everyone from Stanton's Auctioneer purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donna Jeanne Tirrell .



Steve Stanton & everyone from Stanton's Auctioneer - November 03, 2020 at 08:53 AM

SC

“ Vickie and family, I met your mom while she was at hospice, didn't know her well but she was always there with a smile and ready for chat, may you cherish your precious memories!

Sandi Craven - November 03, 2020 at 08:38 AM

CW

“ I met Donna while playing piano at Hospice. Donna just loved hearing tunes she knew! Sometimes she would come and sit near me and we would talk between songs and share memories of sweet moments they'd bring to mind! She was the prettiest little lady with the most gorgeous smile! Such a gentle spirit. It was an honor meeting her. My sincere sympathy to her husband Don and Family.



Charlotte Whitson - November 02, 2020 at 10:48 PM

PM

*I met Donna Jean thru her husband Don. Our children showed their animals at the fairs together for many years. My condolences to all. Don n the family. Pat Mott*

**Pat Mott** - November 03, 2020 at 05:29 PM

RM

*Donna Jeanne was a classmate and special friend of mine...through our school years in Vermontville and beyond...as several of our gal friends from high school had been meeting for lunch once a month for many years...in Charlotte until recently...to chat about our school years together and share our family news. I will miss her! Rest in peace my friend! My heart hurts for her family! May the many special times and memories help to sustain you now as you grieve her loss! Ruth (DeBar) Mix*

**Ruth M. (DeBar) Mix** - November 04, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donna Jeanne Tirrell .*



November 02, 2020 at 09:12 PM

WC

“ *Dear Don and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you. Donna was always such a beautiful breath of fresh air and I always loved talking to her.  
May she rest in peace.  
Wilma Campbell*

**Wilma Campbell** - November 02, 2020 at 06:12 PM



“ Linda Tirrell purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Donna Jeanne Tirrell .



Linda Tirrell - November 01, 2020 at 11:05 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Jeanne Tirrell .



November 01, 2020 at 08:35 PM



“ 28 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 01, 2020 at 03:14 PM

JA

“ Jeff & Pat Alexander purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donna Jeanne Tirrell .



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**Jeff & Pat Alexander** - November 01, 2020 at 11:41 AM



“ DJ or mumsey as Greg used to call her, was a wonderful co-worker who clearly cared about her family, customers and friends. She always had a warm smile and genuine interest in other people. I always enjoyed when Don would come to the store and share jokes, some of which DJ did not approve of! But we all had a good laugh! I have known the Tirrell family since I was a kid, and I know the Charlotte community is a better place having known them. DJ will surely be missed as she has touched so many people. Penny and I want you to know that our prayers are with the entire family!

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**Scott Cooper** - November 01, 2020 at 11:26 AM

J(

*Don, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Hugs*

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**Julie (Weaver)Getts** - November 03, 2020 at 12:29 AM

DA

“ I loved Donna Jean. She was a good friend. Went to lunch many times. I have missed her and still will. Donna Allen

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**Donna Allen** - November 01, 2020 at 10:39 AM

JM

“ I am thinking of you Donald, and remember running into you and Donna Jeanne at Cracker Barrel a few years ago...Jackie Marr

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**Jackie Marr** - November 01, 2020 at 10:25 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Jeanne Tirrell .*



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November 01, 2020 at 07:13 AM



“ *One of the nicest caring people God ever created. We have been friends with Donna Jean and Don since high school. Our children used to play together and vacation together. We all will miss this sweet wonderful friend.*

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**Shirley/ Ron/ Skye/ Dawn & Russ Monk** - October 31, 2020 at 03:03 PM