



## Eileen May Pittman

August 17, 1939 - September 17, 2020

Eileen May Pittman, 81, of Eaton Rapids, died Thursday, September 17, 2020 in Lansing. Eileen was born August 17, 1939, in Haslett, the daughter of George Moore and Dorothy May (Wood) Smith. She married Bennie Junior Pittman on December 18, 1965 and the two settled into life on the family farm, where she raised 7 children. Eileen also worked as a bartender and cook, and as a florist. She owned her own flower shop, Patches and Posies, in Vermontville for 5 years. Her artistic abilities extended beyond floral arranging and she was known to create paintings for her family and friends, and sewed beautiful clothing and costumes for her children, grandchildren, and for neighborhood kids in the school plays. Eileen was famous for her pie crust and making huge Sunday meals for the family, singing little ditties all the while and listening to "Midnight at the Oasis." She loved time spent with friends on her bowling and golf leagues. Her slightly stubborn nature and penchant for hard work endeared her to many. Above all, she loved her family.

Eileen is survived by her loving husband of nearly 55 years, Ben Pittman; their children, Jack "Wayne" Hubbard, Betty Jo Koehn, Teresa Ann (Dave Gilbert) Murray, Lynda May (Mike) Schnepf, and Julie Louise (Gerald) Lowe; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; brother, Keith (Fran) Smith; sister, Margaret "Margo" (Robert) Leslie; daughter-in-law, Kathleen Hubbard; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter, Maryann Taylor; son, Joe Neal Hubbard; son-in-law, Richard

Koehn; siblings, Marion Ball, Jerry Smith, Doris Webb, Wilfred "Willy" Smith, Neal Smith, Ann Rocksted, and Janet Hershey; sister-in-law, Lois Pittman; and her best friend, Mary Trumble.

Friends are encouraged to support Eileen's family. Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2020 at Pray Funeral Home in the Garden with Pastor Marty DeBow officiating. Visitation will be an hour prior to the service. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Eileen on her Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 21. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Ceremony

SEP 21. 1:00 PM (ET)


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# Tribute Wall

DJ

“ Our condolences to Ben and family, we are so sorry for your loss. We have been blessed by Ilean's friendship and inspired by her enthusiastic joy for people. She helped many people in so many ways, our girls cherish the quilts she made out of their late Grandma's jeans. Much love, Donna, Terry & Girls

Donna Jones - September 22, 2020 at 10:21 PM

 Dylan Less

“ Was very young when I was on the farm but always had a great time on the farm thoughts and prayers



Dylan Less - September 21, 2020 at 04:23 PM

ES

“ I will always remember visiting Aunt Eileen on her farm. That was always a special time for me. She was always laughing and full of joy. I will always have her memory in my heart.

Love Eric Smith



Eric Smith - September 21, 2020 at 02:45 PM

LB

“ Visiting with Ben and Eileen was always a treat. The stories told of their lives together and family memories shared made us laugh. Our sympathies to Lynda and her family are heart felt. Eileen will be missed. Lynn and Sue

Lynn and Sue Ball - September 20, 2020 at 07:00 PM

RL

“ Baked a cake for my birthday while visiting smith family reunion.

Ryan Less - September 20, 2020 at 06:13 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Eileen May Pittman.



September 20, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ Jerry and I are so sorry t hear about Eileen. She was a lovely person and she will be missed for sure. I am so glad we were able to spend time with her last summer when we were back in Michigan. She will be truly missed. Our love to the family. Wish we could be there but under the circumstances it is not a good idea for us to leave here. Blessing to you all. Love Dad and Kris.

Kris Sundberg - September 19, 2020 at 05:46 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Eileen May Pittman.



September 19, 2020 at 10:35 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eileen May Pittman.*



September 19, 2020 at 10:08 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Eileen May Pittman.*



September 19, 2020 at 09:12 AM



“ *My fondest childhood memories are from visiting the farm and running around with my cousins. Watching Eileen entertain the Smith clan. She was a huge comfort to me when my Mother passed. She was more than a sister in law but a best friend. I loved watching Mom and her visit and sing and laugh. Really hard to say goodbye I guess I being selfish wish she could stay. Eileen I will miss you but I know you are in good company.*

**Stevie Less** - September 18, 2020 at 11:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eileen May Pittman.*



September 18, 2020 at 10:59 PM