



Elaine Mary Ripley

September 2, 1920 - March 23, 2014

Elaine Mary Ripley, 93, of Vermontville, MI, died peacefully on Sunday, March 23, 2014. Elaine was born September 2, 1920 in Jackson, the daughter of Arza Benjamin and Mary Ellen (Reardon) Crites. She served as a Captain in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps in England and France during WWII. Upon her return, she married Vern H. Ripley on January 31, 1946 and the two moved to Vermontville. While raising 7 children, Elaine worked as a RN at Hayes Green Beach Hospital, where she retired as the Director of Nurses. She enjoyed her time with the Kalamo Historical Society, and was a faithful member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Bellevue. Above all, Elaine loved her family, especially gathering them together at her home on Holidays. Elaine is survived by her children; Sue Ellen (Terry) Yerge, Mary Louise Crisher, Patrick A. (Elizabeth Daly) Ripley, John Francis (Roxanne) Ripley and Karen Jo (Bill) O'Rourke; 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vern in 1967; daughter, Carol Anne Ripley in 1999; son, Michael Ripley in 1954, and brother, Lysle Crites. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am on Friday, March 28, 2014 at St. Ann Catholic Church, Bellevue, with Rev. Father David Rosenberg officiating. Visitation will be from 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 pm on Thursday, March 27, 2014 with a Rosary Service at 8:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Interment will take place at Riverside Cemetery in Bellevue. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Ann Catholic Church. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.prayfuneral.com <http://www.pra>

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Elaine Mary Ripley*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ *I'm sorry to hear about your loss. My heart goes out to you all. I enjoyed the time I spent with Elaine. She was a treasure and I was lucky to have known her. May God look over all of you.*

giovana reed - March 31, 2014 at 08:08 PM

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“ *Pat Ripley, My deepest condolences to you and your family. Sorry to hear about the loss of your Mother. Please know that your all in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Pam Dakesian (Bailey)*

Pam Dakesian (Bailey) - March 28, 2014 at 03:02 AM

LC

“ We are sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. My boys will always remember Mrs. Ripley on Halloween. "She was always John's mom who gave them lots of great candy." Treasure your memories and keep them close to your heart. God Bless, Lisa, Steve, Tara, Tayler, Austin and Holden Creller. (love you John and Roxanne- Remember, keep- mom always on your mind, forever in your hearts)

Lisa and Steve Creller - March 27, 2014 at 11:18 AM

KO

“ My mother was a strong, proud, intelligent, and faithful servant to the Lord. Raising 6 kids from the ages of 18 down to 6 was more than a full time job. She always said, “Thank God I had my nursing to fall back on”. What would have happened to all of us, if she didn’t? Fond memories fill my head, and one of my favorite memories was at Christmas time. Mom would prepare for Christmas for weeks and hide all the presents in her closet, and I can say for myself, I didn’t sneak in there to see what Santa brought, but I bet my brothers did. LOL One Christmas when I was about 8 years old, I heard mom downstairs around 5:00 a.m., I jumped out of bed and yelled, “IT’S Christmas”, and ran around telling all my brothers and sisters. We would patiently sit at the top of the stairs and waited till she open the door for us to come down. We would scramble down the stairs and go right to where our stockings were hung to see what Santa brought us. Laughter and giggles filled the air as we tore open our presents and started playing. Mom had to be at work at 7:00 a.m. so she made sure she had enough time to celebrate Christmas with us before hand. Mom, thank you for all the memories, sharing your faith, and being my role model! Till we meet again, go enjoy being with Dad, Carol Anne, Michael and all your family members. I will keep the faith and pray for our family to be reunited in Heaven where there, we will be filled with Gods Peace and his Love for Eternity. . Rest in Peace my Dear Mother. Your youngest daughter, Karen Jo Ripley O’Rourke

Karen Jo Ripley O’Rourke - March 27, 2014 at 10:42 AM

CL

“ So sorry for your loss. She is in a beautiful place. To Mary and Family,just wanted you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Cheryl Lawrence - March 27, 2014 at 10:14 AM

GP

“ We are sorry for your loss. Elaine will really be missed. She was a wonderful, positive person. Always a smile when she saw you and a big hello!

Gordon and Bonnie Parr - March 26, 2014 at 09:32 AM

JK

“ John & Roxanne- Sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Jeff, Heather, Justin & Dylan Kennedy - March 26, 2014 at 08:24 AM

JK

“ We are very sorry to hear about Elaine's passing. What a beautiful lady...we truly admired her faith and courage. We will miss receiving her handwritten cards on Holidays, anniversaries and birthdays. May she rest in peace, Jon and Sabine Kaufmann

Jon and Sabine Kaufmann - March 26, 2014 at 08:03 AM

SW

“ Karen and family, I'm so sorry to hear the loss of your mother. May the memories you have and hold in your heart help you through this difficult time. You're in my thoughts and prayers.

Sandra Williams - March 26, 2014 at 07:35 AM

BS

“ Forever in my heart



Bonnie Ripley Swift - March 25, 2014 at 09:55 PM

AG

“ I treasure all the moments and memories me and my grandma shared together, but i also enjoy memories of her told to me by my parents, my papa pat, and family. Every visit started with an oatmeal creme pie, and ended with a strawberry kiss. When my mom went into nursing school grandma offered to watch us a couple days a week and those are the memories i hold close to my heart. I loved it when she told me about going to different places across globe, and about when she was a nurse in the war. One day i had wondered what some of the boxes were out on the porch and she showed me tons of pictures of the places she had gone to, and told me different things about it. She remembered things like it was just yesterday. I still think today that she was the smartest person when it came to birds, as soon as they came up to the feeder she knew exactly what kind they were. Me and my dad often hunted in the woods by the farm, she would constantly ask about the deer or say where theyve been lately. Just before every visit to the woods me and my dad made extra time to say hi to grandma, ask about the deer, and grab a quick kiss, pop, and oatmeal creme pie. After grandma left the farm, we visited her as much as we could at the flower house. Me and jo (my sister Emilee) ALWAYS looked forward to halloween to go see grandma in our costumes before going to trick or treat. On birthdays and christmas we always recieved a card from grandma and couldnt wait to see what she had wrote on the insides. Some of my last memories are just telling grandma i loved her when i left or our conversations we had when we talked. You will forever be in my heart Grandma, i love you.

Alyssa Gonser~Great Granddaughter - March 25, 2014 at 07:08 PM

JG

“ So sorry for the loss of your mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She had quite an impressive career in her life time which speaks volumes of her. Elaine was a true lady filled with grace and love and I know how much Aaron & Jennifer, Alyssa & Emilee Jo will miss her. Bless you Pat, Steve, Lacey and children and Aaron, Carrie & children. Grumpy and GG

Judy Gonser - March 25, 2014 at 05:29 PM