



## Ellen Kay Dunn

March 9, 1938 - January 6, 2025

Ellen Kay Dunn, 86 of Charlotte, passed into the presence of her savior, Jesus Christ, on January 6, 2025. Ellen was born in Charlotte to Lee and Leta Marie (Bottomley) Gingrich on March 9, 1938, growing up on the family farm and graduating from Charlotte High School. Ellen's stories of her childhood will forever be remembered by her children; fun times she shared on the farm with her siblings Bob, Bonnie, and John, her friends Marilyn and Sharon, and classmates at Gresham school.

Ellen's love for God began as a little girl attending Gresham Church. Ellen held steadfast in her devotion to God and loved to tell everybody about Him and the wonderful things in her life that were possible because of her relationship with Him. She became a member of First Baptist Church in Charlotte and appreciated the love and kindness shown to her by fellow members and Pastor Pete who often sent cards and visited her when she was no longer able to attend church. She also found comfort in listening to Bible Broadcasting Network daily when her vision became too impaired to read her Bible.

Ellen was a hard worker and found work fulfilling. She worked at Owens Illinois for 13 years, where she made many friends and met her husband Wayne Dunn who she described as the "handsomest man she had ever met." Ellen and Wayne were married on December 20, 1969. Ellen went on to work

as a Real Estate Agent at Charlotte Realtors and A and B Realty and found joy in helping families find and purchase their dream home. Ellen's goal, however, was to become a psychologist. She did not let age, or any other barrier stand in her way. She completed her Bachelor's degree at Olivet College in 1991 and went on to obtain her Master's from Western Michigan University in 2005. She worked as a Psychologist at Jackson Community Mental Health, Summit Pointe in Battle Creek, and at Bronson Battle Creek Hospital where she retired in her 70's. A strong, independent woman with many talents, she also loved sewing clothes for her children, making over 300 garments for them over the years.

A devoted and loyal wife, she proudly took care of her husband Wayne in his final years. Ellen loved being a mother, and while stern, was also very loving and made her children feel loved and cherished in every way possible. As a grandmother she always wanted to be the first to hold a grandchild and enjoyed every moment possible with them. Ellen developed a love for Italy and the songs of Pavarotti over her lifetime and her daughter, Jane helped her fulfill a lifelong dream of traveling to Italy where they spent 15 days seeing the sights and making many cherished memories.

Ellen is survived by her children, Rob Thompson, Jane (Larry) Johnston, Gina (Ross) Himebaugh, Maria (John) Yeary, and Wes (Amy) Dunn; 20 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; sister-in-law, Kay Dawn Gingrich; and brother-in-law, Bob (Maxine) Dunn. She was predeceased by her husband, Wayne Dunn; brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Colleen Gingrich; sister, Bonnie LeDoux-Simek; brother, John Gingrich; infant brother, Walter Lee; nephews, Chris Ledoux and Tim Gingrich; and good friend, Alva Hall.

Ellen's family would like to thank Hospice of Lansing and the staff at Country Living Senior Care in Portland for the excellent care they provided over the

last year. Friends are encouraged to support Ellen's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Visitation is Wednesday, January 8, 6-8:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Funeral services are Thursday, January 9, 2:30 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor Pete Kroll officiating. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com), click on Ellen's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Bible Broadcasting Network or a charity of your choice. 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

JAN 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral

JAN 9. 2:30 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Burial

JAN 9 (ET)

Maple Hill Cemetery  
801 Tully Brown Rd.  
Charlotte, MI 48813



# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Ellen Kay Dunn*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 09, 2025 at 07:36 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Ellen Kay Dunn*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 08, 2025 at 08:53 PM

MC

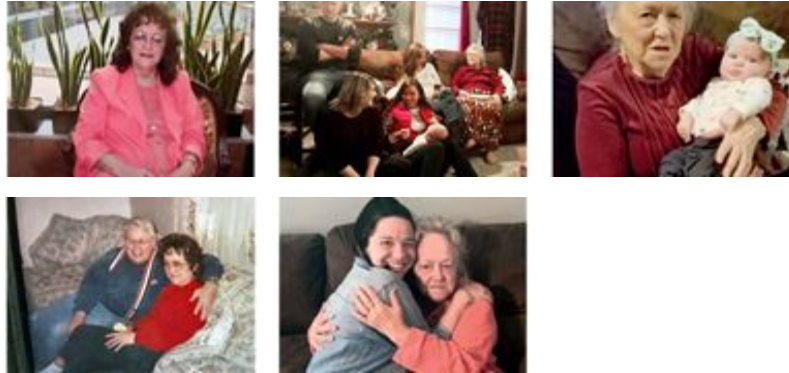
“ *Maria and Wes, I am sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother. Prayers for strength now and always. It's evident your Mom made a lasting impact on her family. May those memories provide peace and love.*

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**Monique Colizzi** - January 08, 2025 at 09:05 PM



“ 76 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 08, 2025 at 03:49 PM



“ Your family at Summit Pointe-Access Team purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ellen Kay Dunn.



Your family at Summit Pointe-Access Team - January 08, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ellen Kay Dunn.

January 08, 2025 at 09:35 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellen Kay Dunn.



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PG

“ *Phil & Lisa Granish purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ellen Kay Dunn.*



Phil & Lisa Granish - January 07, 2025 at 10:13 PM

WF

“ *WOW! Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ellen Kay Dunn.*



WOW! Family - January 07, 2025 at 09:37 PM

CB

“ *To the family of Ellen Dunn,  
You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We remember her and Wayne and family from way back when they were members at Calvary Baptist . A lot of good memories. She was so sweet, caring and a godly lady. Love and prayers, Charmagne, Chuck, Judee and Jennette* 🙏🕯️❤️🌹✝️



Charmagne B - January 07, 2025 at 08:41 PM

JW

*I didn't really get to know Ellen until later in her life when sight and health were failing, but it was always clear that her faith, family (and may I say) political leanings were passionately lived out...I will miss her example of faith, but am so looking forward to seeing her sparkle again in eternity!*

Jan Wiltshire - January 09, 2025 at 01:18 PM

KL

“ Ellen is my cousins mother. She was always so kind to me and whenever I saw her she always asked how I was. I have a lot of fond memories of her!! May she rest in eternal peace with her beloved Wayne!!

Karen Larkin - January 07, 2025 at 07:04 PM

TH

“ Ty & Jeanne LeDoux Hickman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Kay Dunn.

Ty & Jeanne LeDoux Hickman - January 07, 2025 at 05:45 PM

TH

“ Ty & Jeanne LeDoux Hickman purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ellen Kay Dunn.



Ty & Jeanne LeDoux Hickman - January 07, 2025 at 05:45 PM

GF

“ Gary and Ann Ballesteros and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ellen Kay Dunn.



Gary and Ann Ballesteros and family - January 07, 2025 at 05:09 PM

LD

“ Love Mark and Denise purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ellen Kay Dunn.



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**Love Mark and Denise** - January 07, 2025 at 04:37 PM