



## Gloria Jean Cranson

September 13, 1929 - October 17, 2016

Gloria Jean Cranson, 87, of Vermontville, passed away on Monday, October 17, 2016, following a six week illness. Gloria was a daughter of God, a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was born September 13, 1929, in Vermontville, MI, the daughter of Max and Doris (Green) Carey. She graduated as co-valedictorian from Vermontville High School. Shortly after, she met a young man from Ferndale, Everett Cranson, upon his return from World War II. The two married on December 19, 1947, and eventually moved to the farm in Vermontville, where Gloria turned her city boy husband into a farmer.

She wisely balanced managing the family farm as right hand assistant to her husband, raising and guiding their children and maintaining their household. She cultivated huge gardens and enjoyed crocheting and cross-stitch, creating a quilt for every child and grandchild in the family. Gloria picked produce and fruit from her garden and planned many family trips to the orchard up north. All the while, she worked hard to restore the farm house. Gloria was a devoted Christian throughout her lifetime. She played piano and sang in the church choir in her younger years, and was a devout member of the Charlotte Church of Christ, taking part in many activities within the church. She was always ready to lend a helping hand. Her children said "She loved to be needed." Gloria was very proud of her family. She loved family gatherings, always full of laughter.

Gloria is survived by her two daughters, Julie (Tom) Haynie and Rosemary (Doug) Lautzenheiser; two sons, Cary Cranson and Dennis Cranson; 10 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great granddaughter. She was preceded in death by husband, Everett Lee Cranson and her three sisters, Caryl Fender, Vera Fisher, and Verna Mahan.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, October 21, 2016, 11:00 am at the Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI, with John Bailey, officiating. Visitation will be held Thursday, October 20, 2016, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Pray Funeral Home, Inc., Charlotte, MI. Burial will take place in the Gresham Cemetery. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Eaton Community Palliative Care or the Charlotte Church of Christ. Friends and family are encouraged to visit Gloria's Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com) to share memories and condolences. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## **Gresham Cemetery**

4100 Mulliken Rd  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Gloria Jean Cranson*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 19, 2016 at 09:12 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 20, 2016 at 06:43 PM

JR

“ *Vermontville, Michigan, just lost a wonderful woman and neighbor. I grew up in the neighborhood and still remember Gloria and her smile although I haven't lived there since December of 1961. There was a period when I was still in school that Gloria and I both sang in the same church choir. She was the expert and I was just learning. Gloria used to pick me up and bring me home after the rehearsals-- and I always enjoyed being with her. My condolences to her family for their loss. She was one of the best.*

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**Janet Rockafellar** - October 20, 2016 at 03:40 PM



“ 37 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 19, 2016 at 08:59 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria Jean Cranson .



October 19, 2016 at 08:04 PM



“ Gloria would come to the family reunions at Bennett Park or wherever it was held. She also talked with my Mom and Julie and I had a bridal shower party together because we would both be inviting the same people. Through the years we went our own ways but kept in contact with Christmas cards. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mary Williams - October 19, 2016 at 03:43 PM

AR

“ *Annette Robertson lit a candle in memory of Gloria Jean Cranson*



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**Annette Robertson** - October 19, 2016 at 01:42 PM

TF

“ *The Mills Family purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Gloria Jean Cranson .*



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**The Mills Family** - October 19, 2016 at 12:53 PM

PW

“ *So sorry for your loss.  
The Dies Family*

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**Pan Dies Woodworth** - October 19, 2016 at 11:30 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gloria Jean Cranson .*



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October 19, 2016 at 10:45 AM

DE

“Gloria was always so sweet to me. I enjoyed everything she shared in our Ladies Bible study group. Her life experiences she shared always helped me when I was down about what I was going through. And lets not forget her amazing lemon pies that everyone fought over at church potlucks. So glad I got to see her a couple more times at ECHRS on my work breaks to give her a hug. Even with everything she was going through at the end, she still shared a smile and a story. She was a wonderful woman.

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**Deb** - October 19, 2016 at 10:30 AM



“Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria Jean Cranson .



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October 19, 2016 at 10:11 AM

TS

“I remember Gloria wading out in to a blizzard to give me a loaf of fresh baked bread one winter when I was plowing their drive. Best bread I ever ate and what a gift it, and she, was.  
She also showed my rascal of a son, grace and hospitality after some shenanigans he and a buddy pulled (harmless) one October day.  
We'll miss her.

*Tony and Pat Smith  
(neighbors)*

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**Tony Smith** - October 19, 2016 at 08:36 AM

CC

“ *Ed and I send our prayers and love may God comfort you at this time*



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**Carolyn Cranson** - October 19, 2016 at 08:11 AM

DS

“ *Rosemary and family,  
Today and always, may your memories give you peace, strength  
and comfort.  
God Bless,  
Debbie (Hawkins) Stahl*

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**Debbie Stahl** - October 19, 2016 at 05:45 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 18, 2016 at 02:38 PM