



## Leila Lee Whiting

March 3, 1941 - October 7, 2022

Leila Lee Whiting, of Charlotte, Michigan, died on October 7, 2022. Leila was born on March 3, 1941 to Elwood Edward and Eunice May (Fladeboe) Whiting in Charlotte. She was the fourth child of a talented family of six, with piano and percussion, tumbling and dance as her specialties. Leila graduated from CHS, then attended and graduated from Valley State College in North Dakota in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science degree. The college was near her mother's family so she was able to soak up her family heritage with aunts, uncles and cousins. As she was from a family of lifelong learners, she followed up by obtaining a Master of Arts Degree in 1976 from MSU. Leila had a fulfilling career as a teacher at Charlotte High School, Grayling High School, and DeWitt Middle School; was a field representative with the Minnesota Education Association; and a member of many different committees. Leila took her political views very seriously, being a member of the Michigan Democratic Committee in Detroit, Ingham County Democratic Committee, and Clinton County Democratic Committee; and her teaching expertise as well, with Professional Staff Association, National Curriculum Association, Minnesota History Society, and National Audubon Society. Leila enchanted students with her science classes, and found a lesson to teach wherever she was. She formed many lifelong friendships with her teacher friends and had a large extended family.

Leila is survived by her sister, Wilma Campbell; brother, John (Sue) Whiting;

brother-in-law, Paul Congleton; nieces and nephews, Brian, Sue, Sara, Julie, Steve, Robert, Ed, Lori, Andy, Mary Jo, Jodie, Rob, Amy, Angel, Lisa and Nick, all of whom felt as though they were the favorite; and another long list of great-nephews and nieces; many cousins, and many very special friends. She was predeceased by her parents; sisters, Lucille Tuckey, Marion Whiting, and Linda Silvas; brothers-in-law, Norman Campbell and Matt Silvas; nephew, Daniel Tuckey.

Friends are encouraged to support Leila's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Visitation is Wednesday, October 26, 2022 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. with a Celebration of Leila's life following at 2:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. 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 Leila'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 the Minnesota Historical Society, the National Audubon Society 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

OCT **26**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Leila Lee Whiting*er



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 26, 2022 at 12:45 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Leila Lee Whiting*er



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 25, 2022 at 06:43 PM



“ 56 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 25, 2022 at 06:38 PM

SL

“ In 1968, I joined the staff of DeWitt Middle School and Leila befriended me. We were close friends for 54 years and her friendship enriched my life. She was devoted to her family, friends, and students...hard working,compassionate, always professional, and always there to listen and help. As president of the DeWitt Education Association, she led us through difficult times, was instrumental in setting up the school wood lot and organized the first seventh grade camp in 1969. She was a truly remarkable and talented woman who will be achingly missed. My prayers are with her family as they go through this very sad time.

sharon laramie lee laramie - October 25, 2022 at 06:32 PM

SW

“ Wilma, sorry for the loss of your sister. Although I don't remember having ever met her, her picture reminds me of you & your pleasant personality. May your memories help at this difficult time of life.  
With friendship, Shirley (Stansbury, Link) Weers

Shirley Weers - October 21, 2022 at 01:24 PM

JO

“ *Joyce Wieland, Norma and Douglas Olson purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Leila Lee Whiting.*



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**Joyce Wieland, Norma and Douglas Olson** - October 20, 2022  
at 06:08 PM

SP

“ *I am so saddened to read about Leila's passing. She was part of a wonderful and talented family and we shared good times when we were in the band together. To Wilma and the other surviving family members I offer my sincere condolences. May your memories of Leila bring you comfort and peace.*

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**Sally Lange Padley** - October 20, 2022 at 02:44 PM

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“ *Leila was very proud of her professional career in teaching and other professional areas of education and rightly so because she helped a lot of good people.*

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**Don Frayer** - October 15, 2022 at 02:43 PM

SS

“ *sue lange simmonds purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Leila Lee Whiting.*



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**sue lange simmonds** - October 14, 2022 at 02:53 PM

SS

“ *i have known leila almost all my life and have so many great memories of being in band with her, and she was a wonderful friend. we shared a lot online also. i will miss her so much*

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**sue simmonds** - October 14, 2022 at 02:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leila Lee Whiting.*



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October 14, 2022 at 11:52 AM