



## Lois Elaine Bartholomew

January 23, 1934 - November 26, 2023

Lois Elaine Bartholomew, 89, of Charlotte, a woman full of fierce love for her family, died Sunday, November 26, 2023 in Grand Ledge surrounded by her children and grandchildren. Lois was born January 23, 1934 in Lake Odessa, the daughter of Wilber and Margaret (Mesecar) Dye. She graduated from Lakewood High School and went to work making fishing rods at Action Rod in Hastings, MI. She and her lifelong love, Melvin Bartholomew, married in 1958 upon his return from serving in the Navy during the Korean Conflict. Lois settled happily into family life, raising their daughters, and hosting family holidays. She was a renowned baker and cook, especially known for her beef and noodles and her special raised, glazed donuts. Lois was also very artistic, and painted many beautiful pieces, as well as quilting, crafting, and expressing her creativity through floral arranging. She also made lampshades, stenciled items, canvas prints, and many other beautiful expressions of art she shared with all who knew her. The most important part of Lois' life was her family. She attended most all of her grandchildren's sporting events, where she was known to loudly support her family. Lois enjoyed trips up north to Ford Lake and Lake Charlevoix with her family, and visiting friends and family. Many will remember her spunky charm and feisty independence. Her sarcastic form of humor remained intact to the end, even despite her Alzheimer's. Her family will miss her dearly, but feel blessed for the time they spent with her these last few years.

Lois is survived by her daughters, Jill (Jim) Wright and Lori (Steve) Orlor; 3 grandchildren, Jamie Wright, Kelsey Wright, and Maddie Orlor, 2 great-grandchildren, Kohen and Ezra Bristor; and brother, Larry (Barbara) Dye of Lake Odessa. She was predeceased by her husband of 62 years, Melvin in 2020; and her brother, Dallas Dye in 1981.

Friends are encouraged to support Lois' family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Funeral Services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor Deano Lamphere officiating. Visitation will be held from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., just prior to the service. Interment will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 4, 2023 in Lakeside Cemetery in Lake Odessa, MI. 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 Lois' tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Helping Hands Food Pantry in Charlotte. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral

DEC 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Graveside

DEC 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lakeside/Lakewood Cemetery  
14631 Cemetery Road  
Lake Odessa, MI 48845

# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Lois Elaine Bartholomew



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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 02, 2023 at 12:57 PM

KH

Beautiful service. thank you for broadcasting it. my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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Kim Heath - December 02, 2023 at 08:50 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Lois Elaine Bartholomew



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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 01, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 01, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ The family of Dean and Rebekah Wright planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lois Elaine Bartholomew.

The family of Dean and Rebekah Wright - December 01, 2023 at 09:15 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lois Elaine Bartholomew.



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“ Love, Bebe and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lois Elaine Bartholomew.

Love, Bebe and family - November 29, 2023 at 01:18 PM

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“ Love, Bebe and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Lois Elaine Bartholomew.



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**Love, Bebe and family** - November 29, 2023 at 01:18 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lois Elaine Bartholomew.



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November 28, 2023 at 11:08 PM

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“ So very sorry for your loss. Prayers for Lois and all family and friends. Always treasure the good memories. Nancy Magner Frye

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**Nancy Frye** - November 28, 2023 at 07:09 PM

KF

“ Jill, Lori and families, I was very sorry to hear of the passing of your mother, grandmother and loved one. I remember seeing her at some of Jamie's sports events, and visiting with her at Meijer. She seemed like a truly sweet lady. You have our heartfelt condolences.

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**Karen and Jack Faught** - November 28, 2023 at 05:53 PM

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“ Love always Kim Heath and Brenda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lois Elaine Bartholomew.

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Love always Kim Heath and Brenda - November 28, 2023 at 11:05 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lois Elaine Bartholomew.



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November 28, 2023 at 11:05 AM