



## Lonnie E. Elbers

May 25, 1930 - June 21, 2025

Lonnie Elbers, 95, died on June 21, 2025, in Lansing, MI on the 4-month anniversary of her husband's death. She was born on May 25, 1930, in Lansing Township the daughter of Flossie and Frederick Sussex. Lonnie graduated from LCC as an LPN and worked for John Hoyt, MD, and Ingham Medical Hospital. She later earned an Associate's Degree in Social Work from LCC. On December 20, 1968, Lonnie married Arthur Elbers and together they created 56 years of cherished memories. She loved to travel with her husband in the United States and Canada. Listening to music and reading books brought her joy every day. Hobbies that she enjoyed included knitting, crocheting, and sewing which she taught to her daughters. Lonnie was a member of greater Unity of Lansing.

She is survived by 2 sons and daughters-in-law, Eugene and Carol Mills and John and Nancy Elbers; 4 daughters and sons-in-law, Jessica and Charles Gunn, Elizabeth and Michael Droste, Karen and Robert Aldenhuysen, and Carol and Kenneth Wils; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years Arthur Elbers; and her daughter and son-in-law Christine and Raymond Smyer.

Lonnie's children would like to send their gratitude to the staff at the Stoneleigh Residence for their exceptional care for their mother in her final months.

Friends are encouraged to support Lonnie's family by attending services or

sharing memories on her Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com) <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>. Her family is planning a graveside service for a later date. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Hospice of Lansing & Stoneleigh Residence. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Graveside

AUG **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Strange/South Oneida Cemetery  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Tribute Wall

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“ I just read the beautiful obituary for my sweet friend. I just wanted to again say to the family how much I enjoyed ministering to (and being ministered to!) Lonnie and Art. Lonnie and I were close, always having delightful conversations about her marriage, her travels, her family, her books and her music. I loved that she would turn on her Classical Music as soon as I got there so we could hear her favorites. My most favorite times with both of them were the time she taught me how to play Five Crowns card game, sweet tea parties where Art would serve us, and finally the hours we spent doing jigsaw puzzles - beautiful ones. They had stacks and stacks of puzzles and so enjoyed doing it as a couple. She actually gave me my own Five Crowns card game because she wanted me to play it with my family.

Lonnie would often call me too and I would pray with her over the phone. The 3 of us prayed a special prayer holding each others hands as I was leaving. It wouldn't be at all unusual for her to be the one encouraging me with God's Word and her caring nature.

I just cannot say enough about my friendship with Lonnie. Her hugs were always warm and meaningful to me. I thank God so much for our friendship. May this serve as my tribute also to Buffy and the whole family who were very kind to me.

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Donna Rinkenberger - July 12, 2025 at 11:23 AM



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - June 24, 2025 at 09:16 AM