



## Loretta Jean DeWalt

April 9, 1935 - December 15, 2022

Loretta Jean DeWalt, "Jean" to her many friends, died December 15, 2022. Jean, 87, of Charlotte, was born on April 9, 1935 in Marion, Indiana to Charles H. and Vera I. (Rhoades) Ballard. Jean loved to laugh and did so often. She had a warm and friendly smile; was generous and caring; accepting of anyone; and had a fun sense of humor. She filled her days to the brim with friends, reading, sewing, word searches, cooking, and time with family. One of her favorite places to travel to was her daughter's home in North Carolina. She was a wonderful hostess and opened her home up often. Her deck with the wonderful views of nature allowed her to watch her hummingbirds and to care for and enjoy her flowers. In addition to being a wonderful mom and grandma, she was employed with Eaton County Courthouse Circuit Court for 25 years. Prior to that, she was the secretary at Lawrence Avenue Methodist Church where she also enjoyed singing in the choir. Jean volunteered often for various groups. She enjoyed the Job's Daughters with both of her daughters and granddaughters; Charlotte HS Band, Jaycee's Auxillary; LAUMC-Sunday School and Vacation Bible School; and for our elections as a poll-worker. Her cherished daughters brought her more family to love and she was a centerpiece in each of their lives.

Jean is survived by her daughter, Ronda (Brian) Decker; grandchildren, Michael (Brandi) Pruden, Alexis (Patrick) Cooper, Tiffany (Brian) Matson, Andy (Holly) Pruden, Sydney (Jennifer) Larrimore-Decker, Shelby (Maria)

Winkler-Decker; 12 great-grandchildren; 2 siblings, Barbara Buxton, Patricia Ballard; and son-in-law, Timothy Pruden. She was predeceased by her husband, Ivan DeWalt; daughter, Kathy Pruden; her parents; and her brother-in-law, John Buxton.

Friends are encouraged to support Jean's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Visitation is Sunday, December 18, from 2-4:00 p.m. and 6-8:00 p.m. Funeral services are Monday, December 19, 11:00 a.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Rev. Karen Wheat 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 Jean'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 Charlotte Christmas Kiddies, The American Heart Association, or Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church. 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

DEC 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Visitation

DEC 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

DEC 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Loretta Jean DeWalt



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 19, 2022 at 09:11 AM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Loretta Jean DeWalt



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 17, 2022 at 06:19 PM



“ I have many memories of my dear friend and neighbor Jean. She loved to go on car rides. Especially down to the Olivet drive in. We would have supper and then cruise the country. We shared lots of laughs and memories. And loved to share recipes and cook. Jean was fun to be around and we just enjoyed sharing our family memories. Love you Jean. You will Not be forgotten. Plus she was a good hugger.

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**Mrs. Donna Ammon** - December 19, 2022 at 09:59 PM



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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 18, 2022 at 02:20 PM

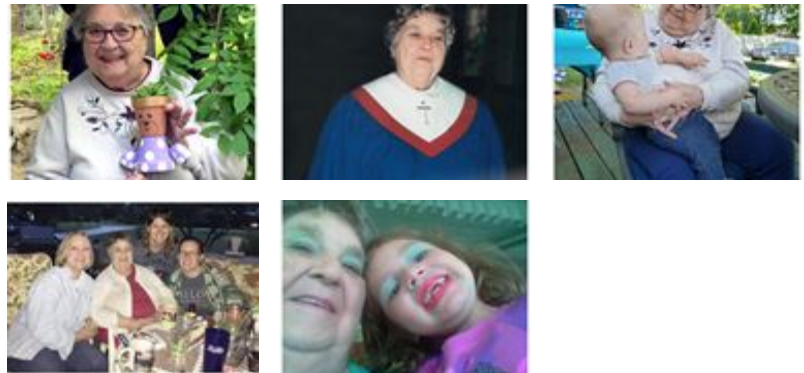


“ Jean is a long time friend and coworker. I have fond memories of Jean and her love of her family. Which I had the pleasure of knowing. Sending hugs and prayers.

Lisa Nolan - December 17, 2022 at 10:16 PM



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“ Jean was a wonderful & sweet lady. Loved spending time with family & friends. She is going to be missed very much.

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**Sherry Hicks** - December 15, 2022 at 07:34 PM

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“ Jean was one of the most beautiful people I have ever met...I will miss her dearly!! Rest in Paradise my dear friend...Love, Kim Swartz



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**Kimberly Swartz** - December 15, 2022 at 07:31 PM