



Marcelyn Yvonne Kelley

December 5, 1935 - February 27, 2024

Marcelyn Yvonne Kelley, 88 years old, passed away peacefully on February 27, 2024. She was born December 5, 1935 in Charlotte, Michigan, the eldest of five children born to the union of Leo and Margaret (Powers) Baker. She attended CHS, graduating in 1953. Marcelyn married the love of her life, Sherman Kelley on January 9, 1954 at the Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church where she was an active member for 72 years.

There are so many words to describe Marcelyn - compassionate, selfless, empathetic, generous, devoted, kind, lovely, optimistic, sincere, thoughtful, warm-hearted, wise, peace-maker, gentle, cheerful, considerate, graceful, inspiring, with very strong moral values. She was a wonderful cook, seamstress, friend, trip/event planner, entertainer, volunteer and American patriot. Most importantly, she was mom, grandma and great-grandma and her family was absolutely everything to her as she was everything to her family. Her grandchildren would say she was truly the best grandma in the entire world. Marcelyn loved playing cards and she was always very lucky, something all her family kidded her about. She was very competitive and even the grandkids knew that grandma probably wouldn't let them win.

Marcelyn sold World Book encyclopedias for 20 years. It was important to her that children had a great set of learning books and she put her heart and soul into selling them. She never made much money selling because she wouldn't pressure anyone, but she loved all the people she met along the way.

Marcelyn volunteered at Hayes Green Beach Hospital for ten years and the

Binder Park Zoo for 14 years. Her second home was the Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church, where she gave her time selflessly cooking meals, singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School, and was an active member of her church circle. She also, participated in church camps, including a two-week trip to Puerto Rico. Marcelyn's deep faith in her Lord Jesus Christ was everything to her.

Marcelyn is survived by her children, Kimberly (Randy) Howe, Kris (Jan) Kelley; grandchildren, Melissa (Sivad) Howard, Jason Whetstone, Skye Kelley, Chandler Kelley; great-grandchildren, Ashton Whetstone and Londyn Howard; sisters, Darlene Raymer and Rosemary (Dave) DeWaters; brother, Doyle (Jackie) Baker; sister-in law, Mary Jean Baker; brother-in-law, Dwight Pierce; several nieces and nephews; her special friend of over 70 years, Larry Towe and special friend, D.J. McGee. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Sherman Kelley; her brother, Daryl Baker; and brother-in-law, Robert Raymer.

Friends are encouraged to support the family by attending services or sharing memories on Marcelyn's Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>. Visitation is Sunday, March 3, from 2-4:00 p.m. and 6-8:00 p.m. at Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church, Charlotte. Funeral services are Monday, March 4, at 11:00 a.m. at Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church in Charlotte with Pastor Jack Conklin and family friend Jonathan White 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 Marcelyn'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 Heartland Hospice Monroe or the Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence Ave. United Methodist Church
210 E. Lawrence Ave.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Visitation

MAR 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence Ave. United Methodist Church
210 E. Lawrence Ave.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lawrence Ave. United Methodist Church
210 E. Lawrence Ave.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Graveside

JUL 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Maple Hill Cemetery
801 Tully Brown Rd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of *Marcelyn Yvonne Kelley*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 04, 2024 at 09:58 AM

MB

Lovely service and wonderful tribute to my lifetime friend, I wish I could have been there.

Marilyn Briggs - March 07, 2024 at 04:16 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of *Marcelyn Yvonne Kelley*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 01, 2024 at 01:25 PM

SH

“ Aunt Marcie was truly an all around wonderful person. She always made you feel welcomed, loved and interested in you. I will never forgot all the memories made at duck lake with her and uncle sherm. I loved being with her and grandma Darlene as it was always filled with laughter. I will miss seeing her every Halloween as she was excited to see our costumes. The world lost a Great lady and heaven gained an Angel. RIP Aunt Marcie

Shelby - March 04, 2024 at 10:37 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marcelyn Yvonne Kelley.



March 01, 2024 at 11:01 PM

BM

“ Brian, Tiffany, Landon and Piper Matson purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Marcelyn Yvonne Kelley.



Brian, Tiffany, Landon and Piper Matson - March 01, 2024 at 07:47 PM

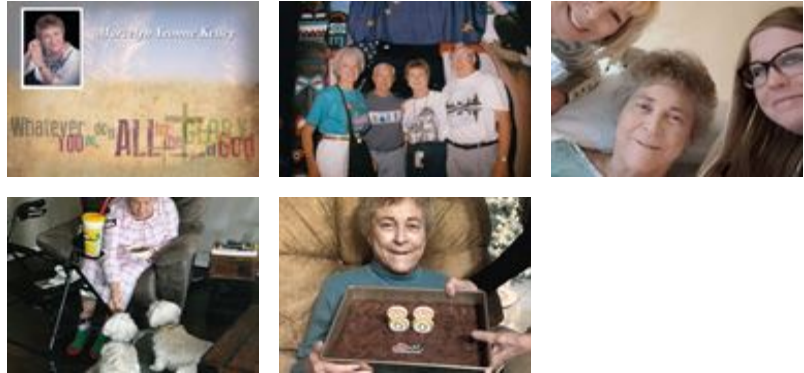
BM

“ Brian, Tiffany, Landon and Piper Matson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marcelyn Yvonne Kelley.

Brian, Tiffany, Landon and Piper Matson - March 01, 2024 at 07:47 PM



“ 46 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 01, 2024 at 11:58 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marcelyn Yvonne Kelley.



March 01, 2024 at 11:39 AM



“ LaSalle Township Fire Department planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marcelyn Yvonne Kelley.

LaSalle Township Fire Department - March 01, 2024 at 11:39 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Marcelyn Yvonne Kelley.



March 01, 2024 at 09:07 AM



“ Deborah J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marcelyn Yvonne Kelley.

Deborah J. - March 01, 2024 at 08:09 AM



“ Sending love to my favorite family... Jan, Kris, Chandler and Skye. May your special Angel watch over you always.

Monique Colizzi - February 29, 2024 at 10:13 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to the whole family. Such wonderful memories, and such a strong testimony in her faith.
With sympathy,
Doug and Karen Baker

Doug Baker - February 29, 2024 at 10:00 PM

CD

“ So sorry to hear of this sadness...Marcie will certainly be missed. Have known her since 1955, as our children were similar ages and close. Although she never knew, I remembered her birthdate every year! She was a great mom, and my heart goes out to her family today. May she rest in peace, knowing she served life well. With much sympathy,
Cora

Cora Dee - February 29, 2024 at 08:35 PM

GF

“ Gregory, Whittum and Kidder families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marcelyn Yvonne Kelley.



Gregory, Whittum and Kidder families - February 29, 2024 at 07:06 PM

GF

“ Gregory, Whittum and Kidder families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marcelyn Yvonne Kelley.

Gregory, Whittum and Kidder families - February 29, 2024 at 07:06 PM

RJ

“ Renee' & JW purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Marcelyn Yvonne Kelley.



Renee' & JW - February 29, 2024 at 06:16 PM

RJ

“ Renee' & JW planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Marcelyn Yvonne Kelley*.

Renee' & JW - February 29, 2024 at 06:16 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of *Marcelyn Yvonne Kelley*.



February 29, 2024 at 06:06 PM

CB

“ Chuck Brandon lit a candle in memory of *Marcelyn Yvonne Kelley*



Chuck Brandon - February 29, 2024 at 04:32 PM