



## Marilyn Dee MacKenzie

October 24, 1938 - February 3, 2022

Marilyn Dee MacKenzie, 83, an easy-going woman loved and respected by many, died peacefully with her family by her side on February 3, 2022 at her home in Vermontville, MI. Born in Central Lake, MI on October 24, 1938 to Zemira and Esther (Harter) Zimmerman, Marilyn graduated from Hastings High School in 1956, and later that year married her sweetheart, Donald MacKenzie on Halloween. They lived in Hastings, and later moved to Vermontville where they raised their three children with lots of love and lessons on the importance of family and hard work.

Marilyn was very sharp and enjoyed working at Michigan National Bank as a teller, and became Branch Manager at Independent Bank. She was also treasurer at their church in Hastings and later the South Cochran Church of God in Charlotte. Some of the things she was very good at and enjoyed over the years, include: crocheting, bowling, gardening and canning the fruits of her labor, making amazing homemade pickles, hunting deer and bear, fishing, and family camping trips. Family meant the world to Marilyn, and she especially enjoyed time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren playing games and just spending time together.

Marilyn is survived by her husband of 65 years, Donald; son, Steven MacKenzie; daughter, Valerie (Thomas) Palmer; grandchildren, Nicole (Richard) Rivera, Curtis Palmer, Darcy (Jason) Nesky, Erin (Joe) Elliston,

Derek MacKenzie, and Dena (Christoph) Holzmann; 8 great-grandchildren, Audrey, Ethan, Morgan, Cameron, Avery, Cayden, Dylan, and Joanna; and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, Brian; sister, Margaret; and her parents.

Friends and family are encouraged to support Marilyn's family by attending services or sharing memories on her tribute page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, May 7, 2022, 11:00 AM at the South Cochran Church of God in Charlotte. Memorial contributions are suggested to the South Cochran Church of God. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

## Cemetery Details

### Riverside Cemetery - Hastings

Hastings, MI 49058

## Previous Events

### Memorial Service

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

South Cochran Church of God  
2470 S. Cochran Rd  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Marilyn Dee MacKenzie*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - May 07, 2022 at 10:33 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn Dee MacKenzie*

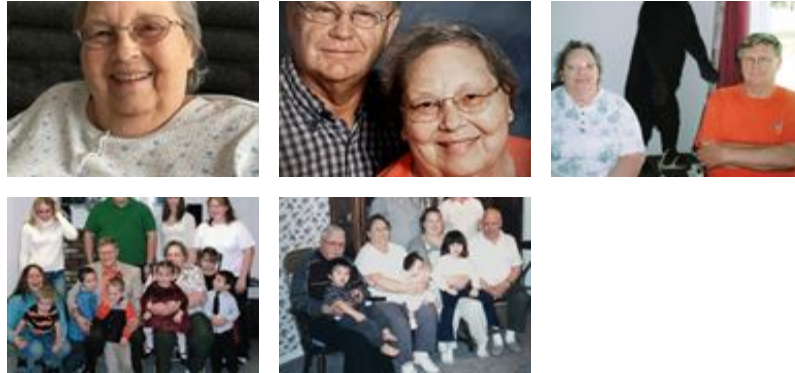


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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - May 04, 2022 at 09:14 PM



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DM

“ *I still have the cream colored shawl Marilyn crocheted for me! She also made me a mohair sweater when I was in high school! She was very good at crocheting!*

*When our first daughter (Lesa) was born on Val's birthday, she let me borrow a pink, smocked dress that Val wore when she was a baby. She also loaned it to me for our daughter's Lori & Lana.*

*When I was a child, I remember hiding behind our couch, & jumping out & singing to Don & Marilyn. (Don & Marilyn sitting in a tree, k i s s i n g. First comes love, then comes marriage, then comes Marilyn with a baby carriage.)*

*My prayers go out to Don & his family! Marilyn will never be forgotten! ❤️*

Denice Morgan - February 08, 2022 at 09:47 AM

DM

“ There is never enough time with someone like our sister, Marilyn. We are so blessed to have bear camped as a family in recent years. She was a great asset with her sharp memory while traveling. We had fun watching the Tigers play, planning the suppers, shopping, rooting for the hunters, and playing scrabble on those hunts. Before that I remember the enormous variety of Christmas delicacies Marilyn prepared and brought to the family gatherings at the lake. We always had fun together. She is a beautiful person/personality, very appreciative. We will miss her presence on this earth, but I trust we will meet again because she loved and confessed Jesus Christ.

Denny & Bonnie Mackenzie - February 04, 2022 at 09:55 PM

JT

“ Prayers for the family. Marilyn was a wonderful person. Always enjoyed camping at Joni's, and the camp ground fish dinners. Sure do miss all of the time we all had up there in Ellsworth.

Jo/ Jerry Taylor - February 04, 2022 at 09:40 AM

DK

“ Val, Tom & family, keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers during this time. Randy & Debbie Kelley

Debbie & Randy Kelley - February 03, 2022 at 10:24 PM

BP

“ She was such a sweet lady.



Bob Patterson - February 03, 2022 at 09:53 PM