



Mary Ellen Bussa

July 23, 1935 - December 15, 2017

Mary Ellen Bussa of Charlotte, a proud mother, grandmother and great grandmother, passed away on December 15, 2017 in Lansing, MI at the age of 82. She was born on July 23, 1935 to Louis and Mildred (Vance) Fox in Pewamo, MI. She attended Pewamo High School, graduating in 1953 and then attended Lansing Business University for 2 years. On August 11, 1961 she married Art Bussa in Clawson, Michigan.

Mary Ellen worked as an Executive Secretary for Chrysler Division until becoming an Emergency Services Dispatcher for the City of Portland from 1978 to her retirement in 1993. Following her retirement Mary Ellen and Art moved to Manistee. Many of her favorite times were spent there with all the family joining them for summer gatherings and the Christmas holiday. She was a member of Fraternal Order of Police.

Mary Ellen will be remembered by many for her wonderful sense of humor, and her selfless love of family and friends. She always put the needs of others ahead of herself. Mary Ellen enjoyed reading biographies and mystery novels, travel, and ballroom dancing. Her family and friends remember her as an avid Detroit Lions Fan. She and her husband Art loved to travel throughout Michigan whether by car or on their boat "She's Foxy Too." Her favorite trips were fall color trips through Canada with Art, and an overseas trip to Ireland with her sister Marge.

Mary Ellen is survived by her daughter, K.C. (Larry) Steckelberg of Leslie, MI; two sons, Chris (Jill) Bussa of South Lyon, MI, Robert (Tracy) Bussa of Clarksville, MI; 7 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Art Bussa; brothers, Jim, Dick, Tom, and Don Fox; sister, Marge Ballard, and their beloved dog Odie.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, December 19, 2017, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI, and from 10:00am to 11:00am on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, at the St. Johns Episcopal Church, Charlotte. Memorial services will follow at the church at 11:00am with Rev. Dave Keller, officiating. The children remarked that Mary Ellen would love it that she was helping to gather all her family and friends together once more at the Christmas holiday time, even if it is for her funeral.

Memorials are suggested to the St. John Episcopal Church, Charlotte or the Salvation Army. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online in Mary Ellen's Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Visitation

DEC **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church
201 W Shepherd St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Memorial Service

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you to everyone who called, sent cards, sent flowers, memories, and cared for our family during this time. The Bussa Family

KC Steckelberg - December 20, 2017 at 03:33 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Bussa.



December 18, 2017 at 01:34 PM

JR

“ Jeff and Kim Rayce purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Ellen Bussa.



Jeff and Kim Rayce - December 18, 2017 at 10:31 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Bussa.



December 18, 2017 at 09:08 AM

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“ *Tiffiney, Kurt, and Logan Woznak purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mary Ellen Busa.*



Tiffiney, Kurt, and Logan Woznak - December 18, 2017 at 08:55 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Busa.*



December 17, 2017 at 08:26 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Busa.*



December 17, 2017 at 11:54 AM

FN

“ *From Barry, Dawn and Daniel Nofzinger purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Ellen Busa.*



From Barry, Dawn and Daniel Nofzinger - December 16, 2017 at 11:59 PM

LE

“ Leon purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Mary Ellen Bussa.



Leon - December 16, 2017 at 10:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Bussa.



December 16, 2017 at 09:29 PM