



Mildred Ann Vance

November 2, 1948 - January 13, 2026

Mildred "Millie" Ann Vance, lovingly known as the neighborhood mom and the wacky grandmother everyone adored, passed away on January 13, 2026.

Millie was born on November 2, 1948, and was lovingly adopted on July 7, 1949, by Roy L. and Mabelle (Woodring) Pearson, who cherished her dearly. In 1967, she married the love of her life, Dave Vance, and together they raised two beautiful children, building a home filled with love, laughter, and tradition.

A devoted and enthusiastic supporter of her grandchildren, Millie could often be found cheering from the sidelines at horse shows and basketball games. She especially delighted in making homemade Christmas ornaments, and one of her family's most treasured traditions was enjoying Millie's homemade pizzas every Christmas Eve—a tradition that will live on in their hearts.

Millie was a wonderful homemaker and also spent several years working aboard the Michigan Princess Riverboat alongside her dear friend, Elizabeth. She enjoyed her time working at Amy's Catering. A talented seamstress, Millie took great pride in creating quilts along with Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls, each stitched with care and love.

Though widely known for her fun-loving, wacky spirit, Millie's greatest joy was her grandchildren, whom she loved fiercely and unconditionally. She will be

deeply missed by her big sister, Carol Christmas, whose favorite lifetime role was lovingly caring for Millie.

Millie is survived by her daughter, Amy (Martin) Ramos; her son, Alan Vance; her grandchildren, Jessie (Nathan) Graff and Cameron Ramos; her sister, Carol Christmas; her sister-in-law, Virginia (James) Hannahs; and her brother-in-law, Daniel Vance; and numerous extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, David A. Vance; parents, Roy L and Mabelle Pearson; brother-in-law, Wesley Christmas; and in-laws, Kenneth and Carol Vance.

Millie's warmth, humor, and unwavering love for her family will be remembered always, and her legacy of kindness, tradition, and joyful chaos will continue through all who knew and loved her.

Friends are encouraged to support Millie's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. A Memorial Service is planned for Sunday, January 25, 2026 at 3:00 pm. Visitation will be from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Deacon Dave Drayton officiating. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Capital Area Humane Society. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 25. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Memorial

JAN 25. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Mildred Ann Vance



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 24 at 04:44 PM



“ 94 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 24 at 04:33 PM

ER

“ Dear Amy and family - Em and I are so sorry to hear of your Mom’s passing. She and Dave, you and Alan were wonderful neighbors to have on Ducharme. Millie and all of you helped so many times with our growing family, taking care of the kids, making goodies and entertaining them many times. Your Mom and Dad and both of you were our “rescuers” often, especially all the times Em was hospitalized, and also the day Michael was born. Your Mom came over very early to stay with the kids as we sped off to the hospital and was quite surprised when Ed came home in a little over two hours after a fast delivery!

We are/were so grateful to Millie and all of you and so glad you were our friends as well as our neighbors. I hadn’t seen her for several years but whenever I did she mentioned how much she enjoyed her work on the Michigan Princess - what a great job for her!

With love and prayers, Esther and Emily Romblom

Esther Romblom - January 24 at 11:29 AM

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“ Esther Romblom lit a candle in memory of Mildred Ann Vance



Esther Romblom - January 24 at 11:29 AM

W&

“ Wanda & Wendy, Tony & Becky Todd & Stacey purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mildred Ann Vance.



Wanda & Wendy, Tony & Becky Todd & Stacey - January 24 at 10:42 AM

YF

“ Your Laker Athletics family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mildred Ann Vance.



Your Laker Athletics family - January 21 at 09:16 AM

RF

“ Roger and Renee Graff and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mildred Ann Vance.



Roger and Renee Graff and Family - January 19 at 02:58 PM

RF

“ Roger and Renee Graff and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mildred Ann Vance.

Roger and Renee Graff and Family - January 19 at 02:58 PM



“ I met Millie when I married Mark(Captain Mark). They worked on the boats together for years. I loved all the stories she would tell about all the adventures they had while cruising down the river on the Michigan Princess. I did some catering with her for Amy's Catering, that was so much fun. Millie was always prepared for any situation that would arise. She also made the best fudge. I will miss her.

Susan Esterhai - January 13 at 10:57 PM

SC

“ Millie, my third 'sister', was so loved by all my family. Having known her since junior high school we spent many days together. She had the sweetest smile and always a calm and controlled personality. So many laughs, so many stories, so many good times. Through all the good times and sad times she was a true friend. No matter how long the time between visits, when together it was as if we were never apart. I loved having her children part of our family too. She will be missed by so many. My love goes out to Alan, Amy and Martin and to Jesse and Cameron. May all the good memories fill your hearts in these coming weeks, Love you.

Sherry Carter - January 13 at 09:01 PM

AE

“ Millie was part of my life for a very very long time. I still have my Raggity Ann and Andy dolls she made for me when I was little. I'm going to deeply miss our conversations (my Grandmother was her dear friend Elizabeth and my Dad was Mark Esterhai) and I will miss the goodies. Millie always brought the best homemade treats to the house, she started bring me my own because my Dad didn't like to share. Sending all my love to her family and all those that she held dear.

Amber Esterhai - January 13 at 08:08 PM