



Mona Joan Ellard

February 15, 1947 - August 13, 2023

Mona Joan Ellard, 76 of Charlotte, died peacefully after a lengthy battle with Pancreatic Cancer on August 13, 2023. Mona was born on February 15, 1947 in Hastings, Michigan, the daughter of Charles D. and Donna J. (Diehl) Monica. She graduated from Delton Kellogg High School with the Leadership Award for the Class of 1965. She attended Western Michigan University where she earned her teaching degree in Home Economics. Her first teaching job was at Bentley High School in Davison, MI from 1968-1981.

She married her high school sweetheart Ed Ellard. They were married on June 7, 1969 in Delton after Ed returned from Vietnam.

In 1975 Mona earned her Master's Degree in Adult Education in Home Economics from Michigan State University. In 1981, she started working for Michigan State University in the Cooperative Extension Service as the Home Economist for Eaton County. Mona retired from MSU Extension as the director of Eaton County in 2009.

Mona and Ed happily raised two children in Charlotte, MI. She was most proud of spending time with her children whether coaching a softball team, being a scout leader, or watching her children participate in 4-H. She loved helping at Courtney's volleyball and softball games. She was known to a new generation as Grandma Coach. She cherished her grandchildren, she never

missed a band concert, volleyball, baseball, soccer, football and track meet. She was very proud of her children and grandchildren.

Mona is survived by her husband of nearly 54 years, Ed Ellard; daughter, Courtney (Scott) Quinn of Olivet; son, Kyle (Sharlene) Ellard of Farmington Hills; grandchildren, McKenna (Lindsey) Quinn and Conner Quinn; sisters, Gail (Mike) Gibson, Marsha (Larry) Veenstra, Daneen (Victor) Caro, Brothers; Gregg (Karen) Monica and Brad Monica; brothers-in-law, Danney Ellard and Roger (Connie) Ellard; and copious nieces, nephews and family friends. She was predeceased by her parents and grandparents.

Friends are encouraged to support Mona's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com <<http://www.prayfuneral.com/>>. A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 17, 2023 at First Baptist Church of Charlotte with Pastor Pete Kroll officiating. Visitation will also take place at First Baptist Church of Charlotte on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 from 1:00 - 3:00 and 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Private family interment will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery in Charlotte. 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 Mona's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). Memorial contributions may be made to Eaton County Community Palliative Care or First Baptist Church of Charlotte. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Charlotte
1110 S. Cochran Ave
Charlotte, MI 48813

Visitation

AUG 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

AUG 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Mona Joan Ellard



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 17, 2023 at 08:33 AM

KH

Our thoughts and prayers to the family for their loss. May there be comfort in knowing Mona is with many amazing individuals that went before her.

Much love- Kimberly Hawkins and Family

Kimberly Hawkins - August 24, 2023 at 08:28 AM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Mona Joan Ellard



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 15, 2023 at 05:12 PM

DH

Mrs. Ellard may you RIP. You will be missed. I was a former student and you taught me so much. You were a wonderful person
Debbie (Demerly) Harvey

Debbie Harvey - August 15, 2023 at 11:20 PM

LH

I am so saddened to hear of Mona's passing. We shared many great recipes, ideas and crafts. She was always fun to be with and carried on with the most entertaining stories. Mona's articles for the Shopping Guide were full of the latest happenings as well as great homemaking tips. My very sincere condolences to the wonderful family ..

Linda Huber - March 23, 2024 at 01:55 AM

JK

“ I worked with Mona for many years at Michigan State; she was a great teacher, friend and colleague. Joanne Keith

Joanne Keith - August 23, 2023 at 12:36 PM

MR

“ Mona was and always will be a source of inspiration. Whether she was teaching how to can tomatoes, planning a Tea, organizing a fundraiser, leading a group discussion, she did it professionally, with grace and humor. I learned so much from watching her in action! Thankyou Mona, for your friendship, Mary Remenak

Mary Remenak - August 22, 2023 at 01:00 PM

JM

“ Please accept my deepest condolences to Mona's entire family. Not only was Mona my next door neighbor for many years in Charlotte, she was also a friend, and was a joy to have known. I'm saddened by your loss.

Jacalyn Miller - August 18, 2023 at 07:18 PM

MM

So sorry for your loss, I pray God helps with your grief. Mona was a great neighbor and friend. She will be truly missed by all that knew her.

Michael Miller - August 20, 2023 at 08:06 PM

EF

“ So sorry our community lost Mona; she was such a joy to have known. I met Mona via the Eaton County Community Foundation board. She always had a smile and was so positive about our community. I knew her only a short time but the memory of her smile will live on. Peace be with all of you.

Eileen Phaner - August 18, 2023 at 03:06 PM

SS

“ Dear family, I'm so sorry to hear of Mona's passing. Please know you're in my thoughts and prayers. Our family is growing smaller all the time. God bless you all. Cousins are the best!

Sharon Secondi

Sharon Secondi - August 18, 2023 at 08:28 AM

SH

“ Couldn't make the service, due to health issues, but watched. wanted to tell Ed, and the family how sorry I am. Mona was one of my favorite people. I lived with Ed, and Mona for a couple weeks in Flint, while getting set up in an apartment. when I went there for school. I hated to move out, because she fed me so well. God bless. Steve Hyde.

Stephen Hyde - August 17, 2023 at 01:35 PM

RD

“ As a fellow MSUE employee, I had the privilege of knowing Mona. She was always helpful, cheery, and able. I'm so sorry to hear of her passing.

Roberta L. Dow, PhD.

Roberta L Dow - August 17, 2023 at 12:11 PM

JW

“ Sympathies to the family. Ms. Mona was a funny, talented, radiant person. She made a difference in so many lives. That, I am sure, will continue. Prayers, Joanne and Art Williams

Joanne Williams - August 16, 2023 at 08:49 PM

JM

“ James and GVCP Team @ General Motors purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mona Joan Ellard.



James and GVCP Team @ General Motors - August 16, 2023 at 12:07 PM

TE

“ Tom Eveland purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mona Joan Ellard.



Tom Eveland - August 16, 2023 at 10:45 AM

TE

“ Tom Eveland planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mona Joan Ellard.

Tom Eveland - August 16, 2023 at 10:45 AM

BI

“ *Bill, Deepak, George, Gilbert, Matt, Juliana purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mona Joan Ellard.*



Bill, Deepak, George, Gilbert, Matt, Juliana - August 16, 2023 at 10:30 AM

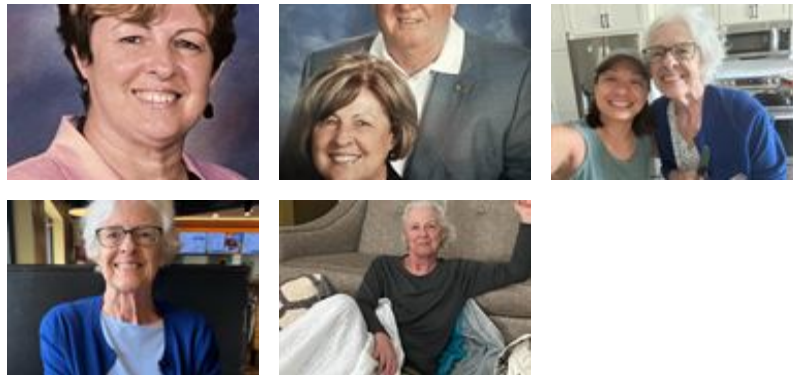
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“ *53 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 15, 2023 at 05:10 PM

PL

“ I was so sad to learn of Mona's passing. My sincere condolences to Ed, and the family. Mona contributed to so many years of my enjoyment as an Extension Educator. We cosponsored many classes together. We discussed so many issues. We shared travel and rooming on many Extension Conferences. She was so competent, had so much energy and enthusiasm. Audiences were educated and entertained by her lively teaching style. She loved her family and spoke of them often. Such a gift to have had as a friend.
Pat Lamison

Pat Lamison - August 15, 2023 at 04:32 PM

PE

“ *Patricia E. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mona Joan Ellard.*



Patricia E. - August 15, 2023 at 04:16 PM

KF

“ *Karr, Shriver, Stopczynski Families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mona Joan Ellard.*



Karr, Shriver, Stopczynski Families - August 15, 2023 at 12:44 PM

CW

“ Chad & Carol Walker lit a candle in memory of Mona Joan Ellard



Chad & Carol Walker - August 15, 2023 at 09:44 AM

JP

“ Our family has many good memories of working with Mona through 4-H, Extension and the fair and fair board. Her love of people and her community was evident at all times. May God rest. Jack and Gloria Pennington family

Jack and Gloria Pennington - August 15, 2023 at 09:14 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mona Joan Ellard.



August 15, 2023 at 08:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mona Joan Ellard.

August 15, 2023 at 08:56 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mona Joan Ellard.*



August 14, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ *Heartfelt condolences to Mona’s family. Mona was an amazing and gifted teacher and leader. Her energy, enthusiasm and talents influenced many, many lives across her years of teaching, extension work and community service. So sad to learn of her passing.*
Joe Lessard

Joe Lessard - August 14, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Ed, I am so very sorry to hear that Mona passed away, she was so very special to us. I enjoyed visiting with her every time you both came into the restaurant, but especially the last time. I will cherish our time together. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love April*

April Maynard - August 14, 2023 at 04:28 PM

KW

“ I was saddened to hear this, beyond words. Mona was an amazing individual with endless energy and enthusiasm. Her commitment to Charlotte’s wellbeing and Eaton County’s continuing success is her legacy. We were friends from my early years in Charlotte and continued to be so over the decades. We were all blessed by her presence in our lives. My prayers go out to her family and friends and all whose lives she touched. God bless her always.
Kathy Wright

Kathy Wright - August 14, 2023 at 04:12 PM

KC

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Mona's family. She was such a warm, caring, and highly energetic colleague! There is certainly another bright star in the heavens above today!

Kay Cummings Clouse - August 14, 2023 at 02:28 PM

NT

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of Mona’s family. I cherish the years we worked together in Eaton County and always enjoyed catching up with her when we were together at state meetings. Rest in peace Mona, you will be greatly missed by your family and many friends.

Nancy Thelen - August 14, 2023 at 12:48 PM

CS

“ our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Ruth and Cal Halsey Sr.

Calvin Halsey Sr. - August 14, 2023 at 12:34 PM

JB

“ So sorry to learn of this news. We are praying for comfort for all.



Jay M Bourdo - August 14, 2023 at 11:47 AM

MK

“ Although we didn't see each other over the past several years, Mona has often been in my thoughts and everyday life. She literally changed my career path and my family life. Her generous and patient spirit as a teacher contributed to my skillsets through cooperative extension and her friendship in a way that I would have never dreamed possible without her. As others said, there will never be another Mona and we are blessed to have had her in our lives. Ed, Courtney, Kyle and families... you are in my prayers as I know how much you will miss her and her laugh.

Monica Karr - August 14, 2023 at 11:40 AM

AS

I spent many years as a child tagging around at various events with my Mom and remember Mona showing me how to do things and encouraging me. She was always so warm and welcoming. That picture is exactly as I always think of her. I remember Super Bowl parties and pool time at their house as a kid and how Mona would put out a big delicious spread. As my Mom said, there are a lot of things we apply often in hosting and our creative ventures that stem from that time with Mona. I later saw her at school activities supporting her grandkids and my daughter had Courtney as a teacher. It was clear how much of Mona's caring spirit Courtney inherited. Remember with pride how many lives Mona brought a positive influence to.

April Stopczynski - August 15, 2023 at 12:27 PM

JL

“ Judith L. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mona Joan Ellard.



Judith L. - August 14, 2023 at 10:52 AM

JL

“ Judith L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mona Joan Ellard.

Judith L. - August 14, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mona Joan Ellard.



August 14, 2023 at 10:21 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mona Joan Ellard.

August 14, 2023 at 10:21 AM

JL

“Mona gave her heart and soul into everything she did, family, friends, all her projects in Extension Homemakers, 4-H, church, county, and many more. The hearts and lives she touched can't be numbered. There will never be another Mona J. Ellard. God's gain is our loss, but thank God for the years He gave Mona to us. I will miss that smile, laugh, and her hugs. Til we meet again. Ed, Courtney, your family, Kyle and wife, and all of Mona's families, may God give you peace during this time. Good bye friend.

Judy Locke - August 14, 2023 at 10:14 AM

NT

Deepest sympathy to all of Mona's family. She was a wonderful co-worker and friend. Always enjoyed seeing her and catching up on her family and our beloved Eaton County MSU Extension participants and friends. Rest in peace our friend. From Nancy and Steve Thelen

Nancy Thelen - August 14, 2023 at 11:17 AM

CW

“Chad & Carol Walker lit a candle in memory of Mona Joan Ellard



Chad & Carol Walker - August 14, 2023 at 08:14 AM



“Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Mona Joan Ellard.



August 13, 2023 at 10:40 PM

PN

“ To all of Mona's family my heartfelt sympathy is with you. I am so glad I got to spend time with Mona this summer. She was always such a welcoming and compassionate person. She truly will be missed.

Peggy Nichols

Peggy Nichols - August 13, 2023 at 10:10 PM

MC

“ My sweet friend Mona... thank you for all you did for the 4-H youth of Eaton County for so many years. You have always been admired and appreciated by so many. Your genuine heart and true care of others is what made you special. I shall miss you, your smile and warm presence. Hugs and love to you Courtney.



Monique Colizzi - August 13, 2023 at 08:37 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mona Joan Ellard.



August 13, 2023 at 08:34 PM

PA

“ I'm so sorry Eddie, Afton, Marsha and the rest of Mona's family, to hear about her passing. I met her at her wedding to cousin Eddie and the few times I ran into her over many, many years she was always so friendly and cheerful and glad to see me! She was a special lady.

Pam Ellard Alling - August 13, 2023 at 07:55 PM

JM

“ Thankful to Mona for believing in me at the start of what would become a 17-year career with MSU Extension. She was a great (sometimes tough) boss and leader, and always had my back. I'll never forget sorting through boxes of papers on her kitchen table at 2 am after losing power at the 4-H auction. A servant leader for certain. My condolences to her family.

Jackie Martin - August 13, 2023 at 07:41 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mona Joan Ellard.



August 13, 2023 at 07:20 PM

KT

“ Courtney, Ed, Kyle and families,
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I have fond memories of living next door to you all in Grand Blanc. Mona had a smile and laugh that would light up a room. She was the kind of mom that “did it all!” I remember her making handmade meals and encouraging me try new foods. I also remember her working full-time when many moms did not! She was a wonderful person and great role model. I know she will be greatly missed. Hugs to you all.

Keri (Rogers) Taverna - August 13, 2023 at 07:07 PM

BS

“ Condolences to the family, may the memories and love that you shared comfort and keep you during this difficult time. ~ Barbara

Barbara Searle - August 13, 2023 at 05:37 PM