



## Orlena Callie Cagle

November 18, 1921 - December 29, 2017

Orlena Callie Cagle, lived a very full life of 96 years, she was a "Rosie the Riveter" during World War II, an avid football and basketball fan, and was very active in her community. Orlena was born November 18, 1921 in Euchee, TN to Wilbur and Estella (Brown) Walker and passed away peacefully on December 29, 2017 at Story Point Assisted Living in Grand Ledge, MI. She was very proud that she never lost her Tennessee accent, even though she lived in Michigan for many years.

Orlena loved football and basketball at the college level, proudly following and loving both MSU and U of M. She was a talented flower gardener, planting and sharing her beautiful garden with friends and family. It was rumored that she survived a tornado sitting in her easy chair, just hanging on. Orlena loved to square dance with the Foxy Squares, and was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and the Eastern Star. She worked 25 years at MacDonald Hall on MSU campus as a receptionist, until her retirement in 1968.

Traveling was something Orlena and her husband John loved to do. They traveled Europe, visiting Germany, France, Austria, and Scotland - many of the places where her husband served while in the Army during World War II. Orlena also served during World War II as a "Rosie the Riveter" at Willow Run building planes.

Orlena is survived by her children, Sue (Jerry) Mires, Sandra (Dave) Dimond, Lawrence (Ruth) Cagle, and Connie VanLente; 17 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and her brother Dyke (Helen) Walker. She was preceded in death by her husband John in 1999; and her siblings Arthur Walker, Clifford Walker, Bryson Walker, Nina Jones, Wilma McDonald, and Ray Walker.

Visitation will be held at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte on Tuesday, January 2, 2-4 p.m. with Funeral Services following at 4:00 p.m., Pastor Steve Brown officiating. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Hospice Compassus. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Orlena on her Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Dimondale Cemetery

5661 N. Canal Rd.  
Dimondale, MI 48821

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Ceremony

JAN 2. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Orlena Callie Cagle*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 30, 2017 at 07:27 PM

SL

*Beautiful!! Thank you for sharing.*

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**SHANNON L LOVAAS** - December 31, 2017 at 01:47 PM

CC

*So sorry to hear of Mrs. Cagle's passing. My condolences to Sue, Sandy and families.*

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**Chuck Carr** - January 02, 2018 at 04:22 PM

SA

*Sue and Sandy, I am so very sad to learn of your loss of your mom. May God hold her in his arms in heaven, and may God bring you comfort is having such a great mother. Sue Cheney Ayotte.*

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**Sue Ayotte** - January 02, 2018 at 05:53 PM

JF

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Aunt Orleanas passing. I have alot of good memories that I will forever cherish of her when I was growing up. I am lucky enough to be one of her sisters child "Wilmas" they were such sweet and classy nice women. They are all together once again watching down on all of us whom they loved so much. RIP Aunt Orleana love you. Thoughts and prayers are with all of her family right now I know she will be greatly missed by all.



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**Jackie Lathey and family** - January 01, 2018 at 08:28 PM

DC

“ Dick and I are so sad to hear of Aunt Lena's passing. She was such a dear woman. What a great laugh and smile she always shared, along with a wink and a big hug. She will be missed. Sending you our Love and deepest sympathies. We are very sorry we can't be with the family. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Aunt Lena truly was one heck of a lady. Love, Dick and Joy Cagle

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**Dick and Joy Cagle** - January 01, 2018 at 04:20 PM

DM

“ So sorry to hear of Aunt Orlena's passing the world won't be the same without her. She was a beautiful lady inside and out and always the life of any gathering. We enjoyed her when she came to visit mother and always told her to come back anytime she wanted. She will be missed by everyone she touched. Sheila and I send our heartfelt condolences to all her family - I'm sure the three Walker sisters will make heaven a greater place.

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**Dennis & Sheila McDonald** - January 01, 2018 at 06:54 AM

SL

“ I have so many fond memories of Aunt Lena, she has been a shining light my whole life. She always had an awesome collection of shoes and the cutest little feet. She was a country girl with class. She had the patience to potty train me, and would tell the story even when I was over 50!! She will forever be in my heart. Love and prayers to the whole family during this time of loss, Shannon Catey Lovaas



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**SHANNON L LOVAAS** - December 31, 2017 at 01:37 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Orlena Callie Cagle.



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December 30, 2017 at 09:30 PM

CF

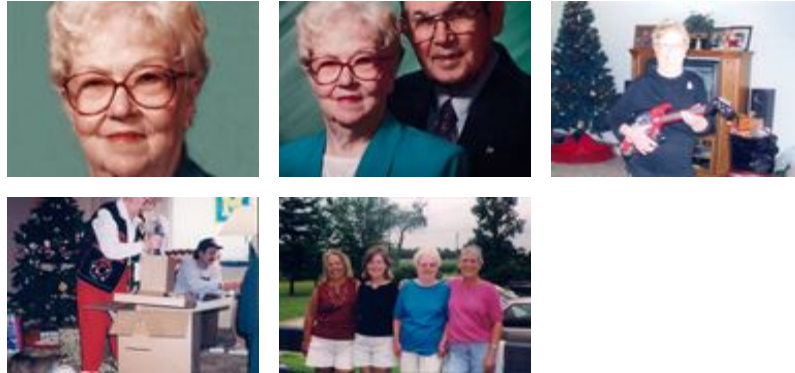
“ So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Connie, my thoughts and prayers are sent to you and your kids. I remember your mom's southern accent .It was fun to listen to hear her talk. Also her beautiful flower garden. I wanted to send a message to you. Take care , Carol (Kuehn) Freer.

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**Carol Freer** - December 30, 2017 at 09:12 PM



“ 28 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 30, 2017 at 06:21 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Orlena Callie Cagle*.



December 30, 2017 at 06:19 PM



“ *Sue, Sandy, Larry and Connie:*

*What wonderful memories I have of Aunt Orlena! I always loved to be around her because she was just a naturally funny person who always made people laugh.*

*I hope some of her longevity genes pass right on down the line!!!*

*Love,*

*Gaye (Walker) Hawkins*

**Gaye Hawkins** - December 30, 2017 at 04:19 PM

LF

“ *Love from Lawrence, Thelma and family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Orlena Callie Cagle.*



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**Love from Lawrence, Thelma and family** - December 30, 2017  
at 06:51 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Orlena Callie Cagle.*



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December 29, 2017 at 07:42 PM

DJ

“ *To the Cagle Family, sorry to see that Mrs. Cagle has passed away. I remember talking with her growing up in Potterville when she came in as a customer at Carl's and also later on at Carl's in Dimondale. She was a very nice lady.*

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**Don Joseph** - December 29, 2017 at 05:38 PM

SB

*So sorry to hear about Lena. I could write a book about the good times we had as neighbors on the farm! She did have a great southern accent and Dave copied and imitated her.*

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**sheryl Berry** - December 30, 2017 at 12:20 PM

JN

*I am so sorry to read about Orlena, she was one of the last few families in West Windsor. Strange enough I was just thinking a lot her and John just a few days ago. My thoughts are with you. j*  
*JoeAnn McGlaughlin Nehmer*

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**JoeAnn Nehmet** - December 31, 2017 at 01:40 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Orlena Callie Cagle.*



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December 29, 2017 at 05:28 PM

MD

“ *Maggie, Kelly, Amy, Barb, MaryBeth, Gay, Dave&Judy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Orlena Callie Cagle.*



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**Maggie, Kelly, Amy, Barb, MaryBeth, Gay, Dave&Judy** -  
December 29, 2017 at 04:01 PM