



## Ruth Elaine Lake

June 7, 1929 - February 13, 2025

Ruth Elaine Lake, 95 of Charlotte, an extremely loving and caring woman who was fiercely independent, died February 13, 2025. Ruth was born June 7, 1929 in Gladwin, Michigan, the daughter of Charles and Beatrice (Peters) Heath. Family gatherings were often hosted by Ruth, and no one would leave her house without leftovers, a cookie, drippy cake (the secret family recipe), or something else delicious from her kitchen. Time spent with family was always enjoyable, whether it was playing games with her kids and grandkids, snowmobiling, or family camping trips. Sewing and quilting were skills that Ruth enjoyed throughout her lifetime, and her family and friends have many beautiful mementos that she made to hold dear. Ruth enjoyed being in constant contact with her friends and even mastered texting to help her communicate with her friends and family. Self-sufficient and independent, Ruth always insisted on doing it herself.

Ruth is survived by her son, Steve Lake; grandchildren, Tyler (Shanna) Lake, and Trista (Chad) Hines, Charity (Jason) Gravina, Andrew Lake; great-grandchildren, Zack, Cole, and Phoenix, Jacob (Millie) Gravina,; great-great-grandchild, Jett. She was predeceased by her husband, Robert Lake; son, Todd Lake; daughter-in-law, Brenda Farnham; and brother, Bernard Heath.

Friends are encouraged to "make sure you stop by" to support Ruth's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at [www.prayfu](http://www.prayfu)

neral.com. Visitation is Wednesday, February 19, 6-8:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte, Michigan. Funeral services are Thursday, February 20, 2:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home with Laura Cooper officiating. 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 Ruth's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society or SIREN Eaton Shelter. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral

FEB 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Burial

FEB 20 (ET)

Maple Hill Cemetery  
801 Tully Brown Rd.  
Charlotte, MI 48813



# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Ruth Elaine Lake*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - February 19, 2025 at 08:07 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth Elaine Lake*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - February 19, 2025 at 11:37 AM



“ 38 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - February 19, 2025 at 11:34 AM



“ *Linda, Sue, Jim & Tracy and family's purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ruth Elaine Lake.*



**Linda, Sue, Jim & Tracy and family's** - February 18, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ruth Elaine Lake.

February 18, 2025 at 10:15 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Elaine Lake.*



February 18, 2025 at 10:15 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ruth Elaine Lake.

February 17, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ruth Elaine Lake.



February 17, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ruth Elaine Lake.

February 16, 2025 at 05:30 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Ruth Elaine Lake.



February 16, 2025 at 05:30 PM

RL

“ I will treasure our chats and laughs forever. What a remarkable friend you were. I'm not sure how to say goodbye. In the book of life you were one of my favorites. Seneca said it best when he said: The comfort of having a friend may be taken away, but not the having of one.

Rebecca Lake - February 16, 2025 at 11:19 AM

FL

“ From Mike and Deb Loucks purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Ruth Elaine Lake.



From Mike and Deb Loucks - February 15, 2025 at 05:36 PM

TG

“ Tom and Margarete Gravina purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ruth Elaine Lake.



Tom and Margarete Gravina - February 15, 2025 at 01:42 PM

CB

“ Chuck Brandon lit a candle in memory of Ruth Elaine Lake



Chuck Brandon - February 15, 2025 at 10:33 AM

JG

“ *Jake, Millie and Jett Gravina purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Ruth Elaine Lake.*



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**Jake, Millie and Jett Gravina** - February 15, 2025 at 09:18 AM

JG

“ *Jason and Charity Gravina purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ruth Elaine Lake.*



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**Jason and Charity Gravina** - February 15, 2025 at 04:12 AM