

## Tressie Emily Hotchkiss

May 6, 1922 - September 22, 2021

Tressie Emily Hotchkiss, a woman who believed that you have two hands, one for you and one for helping others, died at the age of 99 on September 22, 2021 with many hands holding hers in her last few weeks and months. Tressie was a beloved resident at Hope Landing who suffered from dementia. She was born on a farm near Homer, Michigan on May 6, 1922 to Floyd and Bessie (Face) Stanham. After high school she moved to Lansing to take a business course, and worked several years for Fisher Body in Lansing. Tressie married Owen Hotchkiss of Marshall on June 1, 1946, and when they started their family, she stayed home to be a homemaker. They enjoyed many years of leading 4-H clubs, working on the farm and square dancing. Also a talented seamstress, Tressie made lots of clothing for her family over the years. Tressie volunteered at Hayes Green Beach Hospital in Charlotte for over 20 years and was also a member of the Senior Center in Charlotte. In her free time, she loved watching Tigers Baseball and MSU Spartans football and basketball, was a staunch Euchre player and she and Owen enjoyed John's racing career.

Tressie is survived by her children, John Hotchkiss (and racing family), Debbie (Darrel) Gingrich, and Karen (Tim) Mikesell; grandchildren, Kim (Tim) Otto, Heather (Kyle) Young, Chelsea (Ryan) Wixson, and Garrett Mikesell; four great-grandsons, Bryce, Brock, Nolan and Grady; sister, Ruth Hamilton; and brother-in-law, Marvin (Susie) Hotchkiss. She was preceded in death by her

husband, Owen, in December 2000; and brother, Lloyd Stanham. The family would like to thank all the staff at Hope Landing and the nurses at Hospice of Lansing for their excellent care and concern during this difficult time.

Family and friends are encouraged to support the family at services or by sharing memories of Tressie on her tribute page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). Funeral services are outdoors in the Pray Funeral Home Gardens on Monday, September 27, 2:30 PM with Celebrant Laura Cooper officiating. Visitation is Sunday, September 26, 2-5:00 PM inside the funeral home. Contributions may be made to the Charlotte Senior Center, Charlotte Courthouse Square Association, or Hope Landing. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Dimondale Cemetery

5661 N. Canal Rd.  
Dimondale, MI 48821

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **26**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Ceremony

SEP **27**. 2:30 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Tressie Emily Hotchkiss



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - September 27, 2021 at 12:14 PM

GB

*Thank you so much for this service. I knew I couldn't get down there, from Gladstone, Michigan, so this was very much appreciated. I will miss her forever. She was like a second mom to me, for over 30 years. I will keep the rest of the family in my prayers. Thank you*

*Grace Bronkema*

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**Grace Bronkema** - September 27, 2021 at 03:22 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Tressie Emily Hotchkiss



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - September 25, 2021 at 03:52 PM

CW

“ One of my earliest memories is sitting on Tressie's lap when I was probably 3 or 4 years old. I remember thinking she was a princess and so beautiful. As I grew up in the Hotchkiss extended family I was blessed to be influenced by the life of both Tressie and Owen. Family gatherings were filled with love, fun, hand-cranked ice cream and laughter. Mac and I treasure the memories and we send our love and sympathy to John, Debbie and Karen and all their families. We pray that you will experience God's love and comfort as you grieve her physical presence.

*With sympathy and love, Mac and Carol Ward*

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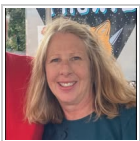
**Carol Ward** - September 27, 2021 at 09:49 AM

MH

“ We are so sorry for the passing of my loving sister-in-law. She was an inspiration to me for the good in people. We loved her very much. And I will miss the many phone calls to her. God Bless her and the family. With love Marvin and Susie Hotchkiss

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**Marvin Hotchkiss** - September 27, 2021 at 09:20 AM



“ Tressie was a friend to me since the 9th grade. We shared many happy hours together. We both loved to dance and I have many fond memories. We have kept in touch for the last 84 years; exchanging birthday and Christmas cards every year without fail. She was a great friend and she will be missed.

*Wodena Hill*

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**Cheryl Gough** - September 26, 2021 at 05:17 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Tressie Emily Hotchkiss .*



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September 26, 2021 at 12:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tressie Emily Hotchkiss .*



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September 26, 2021 at 10:57 AM



“ *She was such a lovely lady & my Condolences go out to the Hotchkiss family. My Dad was living next door to her at Hope Landing and he had stopped to chat with her son John about the "days of racing" that they had been involved in. May she rest in peace.*

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**Linda Cobb** - September 25, 2021 at 09:01 PM



“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - September 25, 2021 at 03:43 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose* was purchased for the family of *Tressie Emily Hotchkiss* .



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September 25, 2021 at 07:23 AM



“ *I remember playing euchre with Tressie at the Senior Center, she was a very lovely lady and good card player. Prayers and sympathy to the family.*

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**Pauline Borgman** - September 24, 2021 at 06:52 PM

JK

“ Jane K. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Tressie Emily Hotchkiss .



Jane K. - September 24, 2021 at 02:42 PM

JK

“ Tressie was such wonderful loving and kind mother, a trait she and her late husband instilled in their three children. Our sympathy and prayers for your families loss, you friends at Courthouse Square.

Julie Kimmer - September 24, 2021 at 09:54 AM

BA

“ our condolences. bruce and lillian attwell

bruce f attwell - September 24, 2021 at 09:39 AM

LM

“ I am sorry to hear of Tressie's passing. She and my mom, Gloria Corey, met when they worked at Fisher Body and remained friends for a long time. I last talked to Tressie after my mom passed in Jan. Of 2019. Prayers for all of the Hotchkiss family. Tressie was a very nice lady. Linda Merrifield

Linda Merrifield - September 24, 2021 at 08:53 AM

SS

“ Dear John, Debbie, and Karen, my deepest sympathy for the loss of your mom. Our mom's will now have to celebrate their birthdays together in Heaven. Much love, Sandy Webb

Sandy webb simpson - September 23, 2021 at 09:16 PM

CG

“ *Tressie you will be greatly missed! You always made me feel so welcomed! Claudia 🙏*

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**Claudia Gingrich** - September 23, 2021 at 06:20 PM

GB

“ *I will miss you more than you will ever know. You have been like a second mom to me.  
For ever in my heart and soul.  
Love Grace*

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**Grace Bronkema** - September 23, 2021 at 05:17 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of  
Tressie Emily Hotchkiss .*



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September 23, 2021 at 02:57 PM