



## Veralee M. Heinze

October 19, 1937 - June 17, 2015

Heaven gained another angel, Veralee Heinze, on Wednesday, June 17, 2015. Veralee was born October 19, 1937 in Charlotte, the daughter of John and Eleanor (Whitaker) Mitchell. She graduated from Potterville High School before marrying Francis "Bub" Heinze in 1957. She and Bub owned and operated several restaurants in the area, including the Sugar Hut in Vermontville and Bacci's in Potterville. Bub's career led them to live in many places throughout the world, including 10 years in Texas, where they owned two restaurants. Veralee was active in the Lioness Club in Grand Ledge. She and Bub enjoyed their time together with friends and family, playing cards and even Dr. Mario. Veralee was the most wonderful and loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She always made sure thoughts and cards were sent to those who needed them and was always the first to volunteer when help was needed. She enjoyed her Lioness conferences where she would always find time for a few "butter shots."

She is survived by her daughters, Celeste Heinze of Grand Rapids and Tammy (Rodney) Lumbert of Charlotte; 4 grandchildren, Amber (Jeremy) Rohlman, Ashley (Jake) Greenfield, Darrin (Melanie) Durkee and Ty Lumbert; and 4 great-grandchildren, Elija and Eden Greenfield, Sophia Rohlman and Apollo Durkee. She was predeceased by her husband, Francis "Bub" Heinze in 2006; son, Vince Heinze in 2008; infant grandson, Cole; and sister, Shirley Staton.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Visitation will be from 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Monday, June 22, 2015 at the funeral home. Interment will take place at Ft. Custer National Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society. Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online in Veralee's Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Fort Custer National Cemetery**

15501 Dickman Road  
Augusta, MI 49012

# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Veralee M. Heinze



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 22, 2015 at 11:11 AM

SH

*Beautiful tribute to beautiful person.*

shelly heinze hamilton - June 22, 2015 at 08:57 PM

MA

“ We have lost a wonderful friend. Vera was the kind of person who always had a smile for you and cared about you. God has another angel to walk the streets of heaven with him. May she rest in peace. Lioness Maxine

MaxiBurkhardt - June 22, 2015 at 10:38 PM



“ Vera was one of my favorite people when I lived in Lansing! She was sweet, always caring, and treated us all with respect and love. I especially loved our Christmas dinners and celebrations that we had with Tammy, Ruthie, and Evelyn. I will remember her fondly and grin about her lovely smile and wonderful nature. Love to you all, especially Tammy, Rod, and Ty!

Liz Rumney - June 22, 2015 at 12:11 PM



“ 10 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 22, 2015 at 11:03 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Veralee M. Heinze .



June 22, 2015 at 11:01 AM



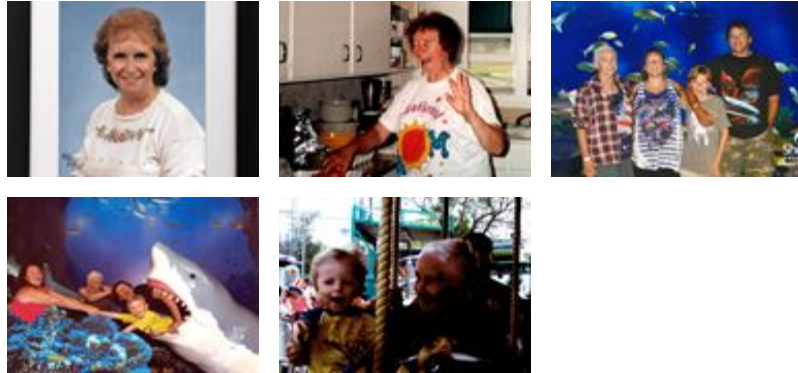
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Veralee M. Heinze .



June 21, 2015 at 06:38 PM



“ 29 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 21, 2015 at 05:57 PM

MG

“ My sincere condolences to Veralee's family. I have fond memories of Veralee growing up in Potterville and learning to twirl a baton. In high school I was able to march with the band as a twirler along with Veralee and Betty (Gardner). I thought they were so cool, and they were way better than I at twirling a baton.  
Mary Jo (Twitchell).

Mary Jo Gorsuch - June 19, 2015 at 05:05 PM

VS

“ I remember her from school. She was always so nice to me, even though I was younger and she was a very dear friend of my brother who passed in 1991. May surrounding warm loving memories of your time with her help you through.  
Vicky (Dunigan) Sand

Vicky Sand - June 19, 2015 at 03:45 PM

KE

“ I'll always remember these things about Vera.

*She gave me my first Air Force haircut.*

*Her laugh was bright and clear, it always made me smile.*

*She loved her kids, grand kids and great grand kids.... she was always proud of them.*

*I will miss her smile and laugh, she was always kind and funny and very competitive and any card game she played.*

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**Kevin** - June 18, 2015 at 06:46 PM