



## Waneta Merle Haviland

May 19, 1933 - June 20, 2026

Waneta Merle Haviland, 93, of Battle Creek, a loving and determined woman, died June 20, 2026. Waneta, was born May 19, 1933, in St. Johns, Michigan, to William "Earl" and Ruby (Ordway) Rumbaugh. She was raised by the Roisier family starting at the age of four. She was a woman of remarkable strength and character - giving, caring, fiercely independent, and just stubborn enough to accomplish whatever she set her mind to. She was a devoted homemaker and worked as a banker. She met the love of her life, William, while working at the bank, beginning a partnership that would shape the rest of her life. She found joy in life's simple pleasures: writing letters to family, reading a good book, listening to old hymns, tending her vegetable and fruit gardens, canning the harvest, and taking walks. She loved sharing a meal or playing cards with friends or visiting loved ones.

Her faith was a guiding force throughout her life, and she cherished attending church and serving others. One of her greatest acts of love was opening her home and heart to children in need, fostering more than 100 children over the years and providing them with care, stability, and compassion. Though she touched countless lives through her kindness and generosity, her greatest pride was always her family. She treasured every moment spent with them and considered them her most precious blessing and enduring legacy.

Waneta is survived by her children, Mark (Judy) Haviland, Mike (Elizabeth) Atchley, Michael (Micki) Haviland, and William (Pam) Haviland; 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and numerous extended family

members. She was predeceased by her husband Maurice William Haviland in 2005; daughter, Renee Haviland; her brother, Bill Rumbaugh; sisters Lee Vienley, Helen DeRuiter, Oleta Koeppen, and Ruth Ann Darling; and her parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Waneta's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Funeral services will follow on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor Terry LaDuke 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 Waneta's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smartphone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Wounded Warriors. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

JUN **23**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral

JUN **23**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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