



## Agnes Catherine Esch

June 1, 1924 - January 20, 2023

Agnes Catherine Esch went to be with our Lord on January 20, 2023.

An independent person her whole life, Agnes needed extra love and help in the last few weeks from family, special friend Lisa, neighbors, and the caring people at the assisted living home in Portland...thank you Lorraine and crew.

Born June 1, 1924, in Danby Township, Ionia County, MI, Agnes lived in Eagle Township most of her life. Until December 2022, she lived on the family farm with brother Mike. Agnes was the 5th of 9 children born to Albert and Mary. She helped with her younger siblings and developed a strong bond with the youngest, Regina.

Agnes helped on the family farm and at the Grand Ledge Bakery, where Regina worked too. As her mom's health declined, Agnes cared for her.

Agnes had an adorable smile and gave the best hugs! Agnes and her siblings had many travel adventures throughout the mid-west on summer vacations. She liked pansies, gardening and bears. She loved that her stuffed teddy bears were soft and cuddly and that her bear blankets were velvety and warm. She had a good supply of the bear-themed, warm blankets throughout the house.

Agnes is survived by her sister Regina McWilliams, sister-in-law Loretta Esch (Harold's wife), along with numerous nieces and nephews. Agnes was preceded in death by her siblings (spouses): Louis (Addie), Edward (Irene), Leona (Clifford), Alice, Mike, Arnold (Annabelle), Harold and brother-in-law Robert McWilliams.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, January 27, 2023, 11:00 AM at St. Michael Catholic Church, Grand Ledge, by Father James Eisele. You may watch the funeral mass for Agnes at 11:00 am Friday on the St. Michael Church YouTube channel at this link: [https://youtu.be/2E\\_8lq8SFxs](https://youtu.be/2E_8lq8SFxs). Visitation will be at the church on Friday beginning at 10:00 AM. Memorial contributions in Agnes's name may be given to St. Michael Catholic Church, 345 Edwards Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com).

# Cemetery Details

## North Eagle Cemetery

12200 S. Grange Road  
Eagle, MI 48822

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church  
345 Edwards Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Agnes was the most adorable lady. I was blessed to be with her during her journey home. She has touched my heart for which I am forever grateful. I miss her dearly but I know that she is home with her family and I now have the most beautiful angel watching over me.*

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**Lisa Rowley** - January 23, 2023 at 09:21 PM

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“ *So sorry to learn of your loss. May she rest in peace. Prayers for the families.*

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**Jane Pohl** - January 23, 2023 at 10:48 AM