



Esther McLean

January 27, 1932 - November 4, 2023

Esther McLean of Lansing passed away November 4, 2023 surrounded by her loving family. Esther was born January 27, 1932 in Bay City, Michigan to the late Bernard J. and Ina L. (Hayes) Fitzstephens. She graduated from Caro High School in the Class of 1950 and went on to work as an Administrative Assistant at the former Ingham Regional Hospital in Lansing. Esther enjoyed gardening, sewing, crafting, birding, and camping. When her daughters were younger, she served as a Brownie Girl Scout Leader for over 10 years and was a member of Dimondale United Methodist Church. She will be missed by her loving family and the many lives that she touched.

She is survived by daughters, Nancy I. (Daniel) Garcia, Judith A. McLean and Katherine L. (Randall) Kusowski, and four grandchildren. Esther was preceded in death by her husband, Leland G. in 2017; daughter, Lissa K. McLean; granddaughter, Rebecca Garcia, and sister, Margaret A. Weaver. A Celebration of Esther's life will be held Saturday, January 6, 2024, 1:00 PM at Grace United Methodist Church, 1900 Boston Boulevard, Lansing, Michigan 48910. A reception will immediately follow the service at the church. Memorial contributions may be given to Compassus Hospice, 810 S. Waverly Road, Lansing, Michigan 48917 or the Delta Township District Library, McLean Collection, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing, Michigan 48917. Arrangement by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

Grace United Methodist Church
1900 Boston Boulevard
Lansing, MI 48910

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Nancy, Judy and Kate,
I just found out about your Mom’s death seeing Lori’s post on Facebook. Steve and I would have attended her memorial today. We met Esther when Steve worked with your dad at the state. Having three daughters myself your Mom and I hit it off right away. All the years we had our ceramic business downtown the two of them would stop in to chat after coffee or lunch. Before Liz started school we had many a donut at Mikes with them. Conversations about all of you and Lissa and your kids. She was so proud of you.
We will cherish our memories of both of your parents.
Steve and Debbie Viele

Debbie Viele - January 06, 2024 at 09:22 PM

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“ Hello girls, I’m sorry for the loss you will undoubtedly feel for a long time. I’ve enjoyed being around your mom since I was a little girl. She was a task master when I was about 6 and in the Dimondale Methodist Church children’s choir-but she made a whole lot of us sound good. She had a beautiful singing voice, and a rich speaking voice, one of the things I remember from my early years. I’m not sure when we went from being Dianne and Mrs. McClean to Dianne and Esther but for nearly 70 years she has been special and influential in my life. I will miss seeing and conversing with her at the restaurant in Dimondale but I will never forget her-she’ll always be a memory to smile on. A warm hug to you all.

Dianne Wheeler Gnass - November 18, 2023 at 09:05 AM