



## Ellen Jane Agle

January 18, 1933 - November 27, 2021

Ellen Jane (Watters) Agle Ellen was born in a cabin on Hasty Ridge in the Ozark Hills of Newton County, Arkansas on January 18, 1933 and entered eternal heavenly rest from home on November 27, 2021, in Farwell, Michigan. At the age of 7 her parents moved the family to Michigan. Her father, John Blaine Watters worked in the Temple oil fields while her mother, Eunice Watters taught family lessons of hard work and a frugal life style as they emerged from the Great Depression era. Her family eventually moved to a farm where their strong work ethic was necessary. Ellen attended a one room school in Temple, then continued in Marion and graduated high school in Harrison. She began Nurses training while still in high school during summer months and continued training in that field after graduation. She worked at hospitals in Alma, Reed City, and Clare. During employment at Clare Hospital she met her future husband, Gary Agle while caring for his grandmother. They married in 1953, created two sons Dallas and Kevin, and began her career as a homemaker. Ellen always had "side jobs" including school bus driver, township treasurer for several years, and office manager for a dental office in Farwell. One of her passions was taking road trips, the destination was not that important. She traveled most of the United States including, Alaska several times, by vehicle usually with her sons and later on with grandchildren. Ellen was a devout Christian attending the Gilmore and Farwell Churches of Christ where she played the organ and piano during worship services. A spin off from her religious teachings was her creation of a

Puppetry team, the Sonbeam Puppeteers, who performed regularly at every opportunity she could arrange including out of state engagements. Children too numerous to count were her puppeteers, the group remains active. She used her musical talents to play for the residents of North Woods Nursing Center for 16 years, stopping only because of the pandemic. Her music partner, Matt Lucas, was making plans to resume their gift of music at the time of her passing. Ellen was concerned for the safety of students walking between school and the athletic complex, she was instrumental in organizing funding resources to construct a sidewalk aptly named Ellen's Way. She attempted to shun the recognition but there is a large stone by a sitting bench with a plaque engraved Ellen's Way near the sidewalk at the athletic complex. Another source of joy, with the assistance of the Ladies Fellowship group at church, was to deliver cookies and other treats to the students of the alternative school Timberland in Farwell. A testament of their appreciation were numerous cards sent by the students just prior to her death. Her illness was abrupt, untreatable, and not survivable. She dealt with the diagnosis and prognosis as few can do, disappointed but gracefully accepting that her life was coming to an end. She dearly loved her family.

Ellen is survived by her sons Dallas and Kevin (Libby) Agle who cared for her to the end; grandchildren Stephanie (Jared) Sansom, Matthew (Tina) Agle, Kristen (Louis) Corriero, Nathan (Cathy) Agle, Shauna (Keith) Meister, and Cory Knowlton, along with 9 great grandchildren. Her younger brother George (Jean) Watters survives her as well as the precious nieces. Her husband, Gary Agle, predeceased her as well as another brother Argus Watters.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at the Farwell Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 10 A.M. until the time of service at noon. She would be greatly honored and humbled to know her memory will live in the hearts of many. Arrangements were handled by the Farwell Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. On-line condolences may be left at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)



# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAY 14. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Farwell)

165 South Hall St.

P.O. Box 231

Farwell, MI 48622

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## Service

MAY 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“*Mrs. Agle was a classmate of my mum and uncle Wayne . They always spoke of her kindness and sweet nature. Mable Davis Bucholz and Wayne Bucholz.*

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**Glenda Rauch** - May 08, 2022 at 12:55 PM



“*ELLEN was a wonderful Christian in every sense of the word Christian. She was a kind sweet woman. I thought the world of her and proud to have called her my friend. The Angels are rejoicing to have her home with them. Ellen's sweet kindness will never be forgotten nor her love for Christ.*

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**Shirley Wineman** - May 06, 2022 at 09:42 PM

SW

“*So sorry to see you mom's passing. I only knew Dallas but still feel for your loss. I will be praying for your family left behind and in the days ahead. May she Rest in Peace.*

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**Sandy Wentz** - December 07, 2021 at 10:08 AM

BC

“*Ellen and I liked to talk about the birds that came to our feeders. Her feeders were right outside her window where she had the perfect view. We talked about cooking, family, and places we traveled to or wanted to see. I appreciated her intellect and sharp wit. Ellen meant so much to so many people. That is proof of a life well lived. I will miss her.*

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**Beth Chapo** - December 06, 2021 at 06:28 PM

PW

“ Ellen was such a wonderful person always doing just a little extra for children of Farwell  
She will be missed greatly.  
Pamela Wood

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**Pamela Wood** - November 30, 2021 at 09:17 PM

RF

“ I was director of Timberland High School until my retirement in 2020. Ellen and Matt played for Timberland's graduation for many years. She cared so much about my students. She brought in treats every month for a few years and also helped put on a Thanksgiving meal for the school. She always gave me a hug and wished I wouldn't retire. She even brought cookies in the day her husband passed. What a truly remarkable lady. I am sure she has already heard, well done my good and faithful servant. I will never forget her. Robert First

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**Robert First** - November 30, 2021 at 05:26 PM

MT

Always enjoyed Ellen's smile as she went about serving the Lord at Rock Lake Christian Assembly. The puppet ministry was a great passion of hers and early on serving in the kitchen at RLCA.

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**Mary Lu Throop** - November 30, 2021 at 07:56 PM

BM

“ Beverley Mapes lit a candle in memory of  
Ellen Jane Agle



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**Beverley Mapes** - November 30, 2021 at 04:49 PM

BM

*Ellen and her brother, Argus, were friends of mine when I attended school in Temple. Sincere sympathy to her family.*

**Beverley Mapes** - November 30, 2021 at 04:52 PM

BB

“ *Bob Bergey lit a candle in memory of Ellen Jane Agle*



**Bob Bergey** - November 30, 2021 at 04:35 PM

SB

“ *Ellen was such a loving Lady. We at Northwoods Nursing center loved to hear her play music and sing to the residents. The residents love their music time. Her husband Gary was a resident there for some time and he could sing rather well too. They both are and will be missed. Sending love and prayers to their family. Sandra Brasington.*



**Sandra Brasington** - November 30, 2021 at 12:58 PM

GB

“ *So sorry to hear this sad news of Ellen's passing. Gene and I were so blessed to know Ellen during our time at Farwell. She was such a very talented, gracious, kind, loving, friend to all, and above all a dedicated Christian who put Christ and the Church and others above herself. I am sure Jesus welcomed her with open arms and said Will done good and faithful servant. She will be missed by all who knew her.*

**Gayleen Beavers** - November 30, 2021 at 12:37 PM

KE

“ *Mrs. Agle was a customer at the store where I worked years ago & was one of the kindest, nicest people I met there. Her love of life & people was obvious, she always had a smile & a kind word. My sincere condolences to her family.*

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**Kathy Evens** - November 30, 2021 at 09:01 AM

JM

“ *Ellen played the organ & I played the piano together for years at Gilmore Church of Christ. Will miss her. Praying for her family. Love & God bless. Janice (Barber) Mogg*

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**Janice Mogg** - November 30, 2021 at 07:24 AM