



Phyllis J. Ellison

June 3, 1930 - October 26, 2022

Phyllis Jean Cowles Richardson Ellison

Heaven gained a new citizen on Wednesday, October 26, 2022. Phyllis went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Phyllis was born in as the 11th child of Maud and Ralph Cowles, on June 3, 1930. She was predeceased by her parents, and all siblings. As a child of depression era, she was frugal, and would never pass up a garage sale. She lived her life in Clare, where she had 5 children, Sharon (John) Bishop, David (Lea) Richardson, Renee (Gene Woodruff), Denise (Joe) Richards, and Kyle (Penny) Richardson. She enjoyed time with, and will be missed by, her 25 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great grandchildren. She may have been the only woman among her contemporaries to drive a truck hauling whey, with a 4000 gallon tank. She was a member of and active in the First Baptist Church, where she served in many capacities, pianist, AWANA leader, Sunday school teacher, choir member, Ladies groups, as well as a volunteer when needed. She was active in the Clare schools, as a teacher's aide, and also coached girls softball. She was known as Grandma E, or Mrs. E, to several generations of children in Clare. She was a member of the First Baptist -Clare women's softball league. She bowled on city leagues for many years. You considered yourself lucky if you were awarded, or rewarded, with one of her famous apple pies.

A Celebration of Phyllis' Life will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at the Grant Twp. Hall from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.. In Lieu of Flowers memorial contributions are suggested to The First Baptist Church of Clare, Horizon

Senior Living of Clare Activities Fund or to the American Bible Society.
Arrangements were handled by the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman
Funeral Home. On-line condolences may be left at [www.stephenson-wyman.c
om](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

Cemetery Details

Lincoln Township Cemetery

Lake George, MI 48633

Previous Events

Graveside Services

NOV 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

MAY 20. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Grant Township Hall
3022 Surrey Road
Clare, MI 48622

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Phyllis had the kindest heart. No matter how long it had been since she had seen someone, she always greeted people like a long- lost friend. You were a true blessing Phyllis. Rest in peace.*

Janet Sowle - October 28, 2022 at 10:29 AM

KE

“ *I met Phyllis a few years ago and she was such a wonderful person. Always funny and nice to talk to. She became a friend to me as well as to my mother in law. My thoughts and prayers are with her family as I know she will be missed*

Kris Eagly - October 28, 2022 at 06:43 AM

MC

“ *She was the Happiest and Joyful Lady to be around. She was always ready to go. Always had a smile. It was a pleasure to take care of her in her last years on this earth. Heaven has gained another Angel. We will miss her. sent to you by Mary Ann a care giver at Horizon Senior Living II*

Mary Ann Coblentz - October 27, 2022 at 08:20 PM

MS

“ *It was a pleasure to have Phyllis at Horizon Senior Living, thank you to her family for sharing her with us!! She could sure brighten our day and make us laugh. You will be forever in our hearts and greatly missed. RIP sweet lady, heaven has certainly gained a special angel.*

Marge Smith - October 27, 2022 at 07:55 PM

TF

“ Oh Aunt Phyllis, you were so loved by us as one of "the aunts." You were my favorite school aide, holding that bullhorn, and I always loved your shoes! You loved my dad, and he loved you! We will miss you so much! We had a Muches because of you! So many, so many memories. You are where you belong. Hug dad for us!

Tami Cowles & family - October 27, 2022 at 12:49 PM