



## Erma Eileen Becks

July 10, 1935 - March 7, 2015

Erma Eileen (Portice) Becks, age 79, of Pickford, Michigan, died Saturday, March 7, 2015 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born July 10, 1935 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to Ervin Johnson Portice and Pricilla Elizabeth (Howard) Portice.

Eileen grew up in Pickford and graduated from Pickford High School. She married and lived in St. Ignace for several years before returning to Pickford with her four young children. Eileen worked for 29 years in offices in Brown Hall at Lake Superior State University. Over the years, Eileen carpoled with many different people in her daily commute from Pickford to Sault Ste. Marie. After her children were grown, Eileen married William F. "Bill" Becks on June 27, 1981 at the Stalwart Presbyterian Church.

Eileen attended the Stalwart Presbyterian Church where she often helped make pasties and pies for church fundraisers and helped with the annual Stalwart Fair dinners. She was a Cub Scout Leader when her boys were young. Eileen was also a member of the Red Hats Society.

Eileen was a skilled seamstress who made all of her children's clothing including suits for her sons and dress jackets and clothing for herself. She also knitted socks, hats, and scarves to help keep her children warm. She also sewed doll clothes, Teddy bears, and many quilts. She taught a few

quilting classes at a local quilt fabric store and made beautiful quilts for all of her family members as well as others. Eileen also enjoyed flower gardening, making flower arrangements, feeding birds, and making ceramics.

Eileen is survived by sons, Keith (Gaye) Belonga and Ervin (Marcy) Belonga, both of Pickford; daughters, Kathy (Brian) Moss of Hessel, Michigan, and Sandy (Bob) Richardson of Mayville, Michigan; grandchildren, Krissy (Matt) Harmon, Mandy Roy, Chelsea (Dave) Kasper, Justin and Stacy Moss, and Andrea and Steven Richardson; great grandchildren, Gavin, Ian, Kiera, Parker, Tatum, Peyton, and Roman; brother, Malcom (Linda) Portice of Owosso, Michigan; and sisters, Helen Novak of Owosso, Michigan, and Josephine Reed of Bay City, Michigan. Eileen is also survived by step-daughters, Terri (Randy) Flannigan of Virginia, Minnesota, and Cindy (John) Carlson of Perkins, Michigan; step-son, William Arthur (Cheryl) Becks of Pickford; grandchildren, Cristin and Brandon Flannigan, Brooke, Jordan and William Carlson, and Cody and Calie Becks; great grandchildren, Jace and Xavier; and sisters-in-law, Peggy (Jim) Hill of Pickford, Kathy (Kenneth) Batho of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Gaye (Keith) Belonga of Pickford.

Eileen was preceded in death by her husband, Bill on September 21, 2014; infant son, Wayne Steven Belonga; step great grandchild, John Carlson III; and brothers-in-law, Gordon Novak and Richard Reed.

Services will be held Thursday, March 12 at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford. Visitation will be held from 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. The funeral service will begin at 2:00 P.M. with Eileen's cousin, Reverend George Portice conducting the service. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township, Michigan.

Memorials may be left to the Stalwart Presbyterian Church, 8317 E. M-48, Stalwart, MI 49736.



# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

15264 S. M-129  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 12.** 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford  
24549 S. M-129  
Pickford, MI 49774  
(906) 647-3400  
[fifh@familylifefh.com](mailto:fifh@familylifefh.com)  
<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

**MAR 12.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Erma Eileen Becks*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Erma Eileen Becks*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Erma Eileen Becks*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I always enjoyed time spent with Eileen during family reunions and other events. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time.*

**Cindy Breneman** - March 11, 2015 at 08:44 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. I remember Eileen well from all her years of service at LSSC (LSSU now). She was a kind and generous person and will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family.*

**Cathy Smith** - March 11, 2015 at 09:32 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Erma Eileen Becks.*



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March 11, 2015 at 05:58 AM



“ *Eileen was a wonderful sister. We took many quilting trips & retreats. She always went home exhausted from the fun & laughing. We will always miss her in our lives. Your sisters, Helen & Jo*

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**Helen Novak** - March 10, 2015 at 04:08 PM



“ *Dear Becks Family and Friends,  
I wasn't privileged with the remarkable acquaintance of Mrs. Becks as you were, but it saddens me to read of your loss. Please accept my family's sincerest condolences. It brings great comfort to many to know that the Almighty God and Creator promises us in the Bible, that soon death and pain will be no more. May you have peace.*

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**Greene Family** - March 10, 2015 at 08:49 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. It is never easy to say "goodbye" to those we love. Spend time in rejoicing of the life she lived and all the glorious memories made.*

*Nancy Whitehead  
Knoxville, TN*

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**Nancy Whitehead** - March 10, 2015 at 08:27 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Erma Eileen Becks.* ”



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March 08, 2015 at 02:32 PM