



Lorna Ellen Kelley

February 5, 1925 - March 5, 2015

Lorna Ellen Kelley, age 90, of Drummond Island, Michigan, died Thursday, March 5, 2015 on Drummond Island. She was born February 5, 1925 on Drummond Island to Thomas Ivan Ellis and Anna (Parrish) Ellis of Whitney Bay. She was the oldest of four children.

Lorna lived on Drummond Island except for four years of her life. She married Merlin Thomas Kelley on October 14, 1942 and they started their married life in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. They moved to DeTour, Michigan two years later and Merlin took a job at Drummond Dolomite. Within two years, they moved back to the island. Lorna was the beloved mother of six children. As a young girl she worked in her family business "Old Fort Drummond" and helped out later as she raised her family on Fairbanks Point. Once her children were raised, she worked as a cook at the Drummond School for nearly ten years. When she left the school, she was awarded the "Cookie Award" for making the best chocolate chip cookies. Many students remember her best for her "homemade" sticky buns. Lorna and Merlin retired in 1975. For the next eleven years, they traveled six to eight months each year and spent summers on the Island until Merlin passed away in 1987.

Lorna was crowned Queen of Drummond at an ice carnival when she was sixteen years old and was awarded the Outstanding Citizen Award by the 55 and Over Club. She was a life time member of the St. Florence Catholic

Church where she was an active participant on the Church Council and the Church Guild. She was one of the original women to start the Hunter's Dinner and often talked about cooking everything from scratch-including the potatoes. Lorna belonged to the Homemakers Club for over 30 years and helped cook for many of their activities. She and Merlin started the Arts and Craft Shows on the Island and Lorna was the show's chairman for many years. Lorna was a member and treasurer for the 55 and Over Club and a member of the Friends of the Library and the Moose Lodge. She was the "Card Lady" and sent get well, condolence, and thinking-of-you cards to countless people in the community. Most of her life, Lorna was content to be in the background just helping.

Lorna is survived by her six children, Thomas Ivan (Jane) Kelly of Drummond, Connie Ann (Al) Schopp of Drummond, Patrick Ellis (Missy) Kelly of Drummond, Lyle Christopher (Theresa) Kelley of Pickford, Ronald Merlin (Kari) Kelley of Sault Ste. Marie, and James Gordon (Sue) Kelley of Drummond Island; grandchildren, Tina, Tom, Edward, David, Kelly, Kristen, Marc, Jennifer, Sean, Monica, Brittney, Amy, Jason, John, Karen, and Dawn; and great grandchildren, Michael, Nicholas, Jake, Cody, Zack, Grace, Olivia, Payton, Jillian, James, Mackenzie, Evan, Caleb, Logan, Bret, Lucas, Danny, Sebastian, Kayla, Ethan, Mateo, Nolan, and Kaleo. She is also survived by her only brother, Carlyle (Doris) Ellis of Drummond Island.

Lorna was preceded in death by her husband, Merlin T. Kelley, and sisters, Ladorna "Jean" Staley and Laurel "Aleen" Voss.

Visitation will be held Sunday, March 8, from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. with a Rosary Service at 6:00 P.M. at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford, Michigan.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:30 A.M. on Monday, March 9

at St. Florence Catholic Church on Drummond Island with Father Janusz Romanek serving as celebrant. There will be visitation at the church from 10:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. on Monday.

Burial will be in Drummond Island Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Florence Catholic Church, 34138 S. Townline Rd., Drummond Island, MI 49726 or Hospice of the E.U.P., 308 12th Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

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Visitation

MAR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Florence Catholic Church
34138 S Townline Road
Drummond Island, MI

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lorna Ellen Kelley*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Lorna Ellen Kelley*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Lorna Ellen Kelley*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *To the Kelley and Ellis families:
We read with sadness of the passing of Lorna. We would like to extend our sincere sympathy for your loss. We always enjoyed our visits with Lorna. She was such a sweet, caring person and she accomplished so much in her life of 90 years. We send our prayers for all of you.*

Tom and Lois Fornes

Tom and Lois Fornes - April 09, 2015 at 12:49 PM



“ *When we were children and our parents were away, Mrs. Kelley was our babysitter. I remember her as kind, patient, extremely caring, and a wonderful cook. Her family must miss her greatly. Please know that even after all these years, we remember your mother with great fondness. Sincerely, Gail, Mark, and Vanessa*

Gail - March 11, 2015 at 07:17 PM

LM

“ *RIP Lorna.. When I worked for the health dep I came in and took care of your mom.. She always had a beautiful smile on her face..so thoughtful and kind. Sending our thoughts and prayers to the Kelly families*



lori miller - March 08, 2015 at 06:10 PM

JC

“ *Dinner at the Kelley's was always one of the highlights of the summer when I was a kid. Lorna was such a great cook and wonderful person. Thoughts and prayers are with the whole Kelley family*

jon connole - March 07, 2015 at 06:53 PM

KE

“ *To all the Kelley families, we are so very sorry for your loss. Lorna had such a wonderful smile and such a warm personality she will certainly be missed. Cherish the memories You are all in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time Mike & Diane*



Kelly - March 07, 2015 at 11:49 AM

DB

“ We were blessed to have Lorna as a neighbor, friend who was a joy to spend time with. She taught our stubborn German Short Hair Pointer to chase the geese from her year, here he would let them run wild.....all she had to do was stick that beautiful head out the door, call his name and mission accomplished. She loved animals every bit as much as she did people. Always right there to be helpful, thoughtful and caring Lorna was such a treasure we will miss her. Not to mention the incredible apple pies she baked every fall and hand delivered pipin' hot!! To her family, know this lovely lady left an indelible impact on many lives. Donna and Tim Burden

donna and tim burden - March 07, 2015 at 11:30 AM



“ I remember her and her families wonderful hospitality when my grandfather died. JBob Buchtel

Linda Buchtel - March 07, 2015 at 09:22 AM

DH

“ Tom Ellis and family, Don and I send our sympathies in the loss of your aunt. She sounds like a wonderful lady. You are in our hearts, thoughts and prayers.
Don and Mary Howard



don and mary howard - March 07, 2015 at 09:18 AM

AK

“ Aunt Lorna will be remembered by her kindness and love as she always greeted you with a smile and open arms. A few years ago we visited her and despite not the best of health, she baked a delicious German chocolate cake for us. That is Aunt Lorna, always going out of her way to make you feel welcome. We're sure the good Lord has greeted her the same way she has greeted others, with open arms. We will always remember Aunt Lorna's love for others. Art & Donna Kelly

Arthur Kelly - March 07, 2015 at 07:38 AM

CW

“ I remember Aunt Lorna with her smiling face and the love she shared with me and her laughter. She is truly a wonderful person I am so sorry time takes us away from family to all my cousins I just want you to know you're in my thoughts and prayers during this time. Love Coleen (Kelly) Watts

coleen watts - March 06, 2015 at 08:19 PM

JH

“ Judi Sanders, Robert & Lois Kangas, John & Catherine Humphr purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lorna Ellen Kelley.



Judi Sanders, Robert & Lois Kangas, John & Catherine Humphr - March 06, 2015 at 06:07 PM

Teresa
Parker

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family as they say goodbye to such a lovely individual. Although her smile will no longer be seen in our world, it will be forever in your heart. Your angel now has wings and has joined the greatest choir in the world. Rest In Peace Lorna Ellen Kelley.*



Teresa Parker - March 06, 2015 at 04:40 PM

NB

“ *Nancy J Bates purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Lorna Ellen Kelley.*



Nancy J Bates - March 06, 2015 at 01:49 PM

NE

“ *Nechia lit a candle in memory of Lorna Ellen Kelley*



Nechia - March 06, 2015 at 12:00 PM

LG

“ *Lynda G. purchased the Heartfelt Memories for the family of Lorna Ellen Kelley.*



Lynda G. - March 06, 2015 at 10:28 AM

JS

“ You won't find a more dedicated wife than Aunt Lorna. She was so very good to Uncle Merlin. I fondly remember the old days when our family would visit and enjoy her delicious lasagna. Heaven has welcomed another beautiful, christian lady. Judy

Judy Kelly Sirk - March 06, 2015 at 10:11 AM

LG

“ Our sympathies to my Cousins on the passing of your Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother - My Aunt Lorna

My fondest memories of her the wonderful lasagna and her sweet personality and she was always happy to see everyone!! Always kind words about everyone too!

Sincerely Lynda Kelly Gregorini and Family

lynda Gregorini - March 06, 2015 at 10:05 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lorna Ellen Kelley.



March 06, 2015 at 08:44 AM