



Mary Ellen Stephenson

March 21, 1931 - September 12, 2024

Mary Ellen Stephenson, age 93, died in her home on Thursday, September 12, 2024, in Rexton, Michigan. She was born March 21, 1931, to Harry and Mary (Horst) Sommers on a farm in Orrville, Ohio.

Mary Ellen came to the U.P. in 1950 as a missionary worker. She lived in the area most of her life and considered this to be her true home. Mary was most likely to be found with a book, gardening tool, or quilt in her hands. Her artistic skills in her paintings and chalk drawings were enjoyed by many in the community over the years. Her favorite past time was riding dune buggies. She was always the first one on when the motors fired up and in the lead buggy with her son-in-law Mike on every ride. She was an active member of her church along with serving other committees in the area. Her family and friends will forever miss their "Sunshine Lady".

Mary Ellen is survived by her daughters, Mary Cook, Cathi (Michael) Kolomitz; sons, Tim (Connie) Stephenson, Harry (Cheryl) Stephenson, and Jr (Cindy) Stephenson; daughter-in-law, Janet Stephenson; grandchildren; Jennifer, Eric, Jason D. Jason S. Amber, Dennis, Brandy, Jenna, Kayla, Michael, Sophia, Tilley; twenty-two great-grandchildren; and twelve great great-grandchildren; sister, Ruth Bixler; brother, Dale Sommers.

Mary Ellen was preceded in death by sons, Daniel, Henry, and Jeremy

Stephenson; parents, Harry and Mary Sommers; and one sister and four brothers.

A graveside service will be held on September 20, 2024, at 11:30 AM at Caffey Cemetery, in Rexton, Michigan with a luncheon to follow at the Hendricks Township Fire Hall.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Cemetery Details

Caffey Cemetery

Rexton, MI 49762

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 20. 11:30 AM (ET)

Caffey Cemetery
Hiawatha Trail
Naubinway, MI 49762

Tribute Wall

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“ I love Mary Ellen! A wise, wise woman who was always positive and upbeat! Her wisdom and authenticity has greatly impacted my life and walk with God.

Deb DeWyse - September 20, 2024 at 10:26 AM

KL

“ I remember MaryEllen's honesty when she came back home to Rexton after being gone so many years in Florida. She shared her struggles and her triumphs through many difficult times and let us all know that God would see her and us through whatever life brought to us. She had so much life experience and such strong faith. She was an inspiration to me. Kathy Livermore, Naubinway, MI

Kathy Livermore - September 19, 2024 at 11:36 PM

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“ Wathen family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Mary Ellen Stephenson.



Wathen family - September 18, 2024 at 01:00 PM

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“ One memory (of many) that I have of Mary Ellen is a bright smile and enthusiastic welcome from a very busy young mother. As she deftly steered a houseful of smart, active children, she made time to give her expertise and encouragement to my sister and I when we showed up at her door wanting to learn a new hymn for church. Hazel (Shoemaker) Brown

Hazel Brown - September 17, 2024 at 11:00 AM