



Neva Jean (Ames) Perry

February 21, 1932 - December 13, 2025

Neva Jean (Ames) Perry, age 93, of Pickford, Michigan, died on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at MyMichigan Long Term Care in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. She was born on February 21, 1932, in Pickford, to William Earl and Ruth Margaret (Beacom) Ames.

Neva grew up in Pickford and graduated from Pickford High School with the Class of 1949. Following graduation, she attended U.P. Schools for Practical Nursing, earning her Licensed Practical Nurse certification. She worked for General Telephone as a switchboard operator for three years before later joining Pickford Public Schools as a hot lunch cook, where she served for thirteen and a half years. Neva then worked at War Memorial Hospital for twenty-two years before retiring in 1997. Throughout all of these roles, she lovingly raised her five children.

Neva was a member of the United Methodist Church in Pickford, the War Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and the Red Hats Society.

Neva enjoyed knitting, doing crossword and jigsaw puzzles, dancing, reading, gardening, and crocheting sweaters and mittens for her family and friends.

Neva is survived by her daughters, Debra (David) Lamb of Pickford, Barbara Jacques of West Allis, Wisconsin, Susan (Rick) Burch of Osceola, Indiana,

Cynthia (Bruce) Dumke of Menominee Falls, Wisconsin; son, Michael (Denise) Perry of Brookfield, Wisconsin; grandchildren, Sarah (Todd) Hipps, Emily (Dan) Tomasi, Erin (Jason) Strankowski, Shawn Jacques, Trevor Jacques, Ross (Katrina) Burch, Chad Burch, Justin (Rachel) Dumke, Lindsey (Chris) Basing, Jared (Luarie) Dumke, Breanna Perry, Michael (Jonathan) Perry Jr., Jason (Nidia) Strekow; twenty-two great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and sisters, Margaret (Charles) Izzard and Velma (James) Graham.

Neva was preceded in death by her parents, William and Ruth; brother, William "Boone" Ames Jr.; grandson, Justin Perry; and lifelong friend, Elsie (Norlin) Klier.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 3, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Family Life Funeral Homes, 24549 S. M-129 Pickford, MI 49774. The Funeral Service will immediately follow at 1:00 PM.

Neva's final resting place will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township, Michigan.

Memorial Contributions can be made in Neva's memory to the MyMichigan Medical Center Sault Auxiliary, 500 Osborn Blvd. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or MyMichigan Sault Long Term Care, 500 Osborn Blvd. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Condolences may be given to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
24549 S. M-129
Pickford, MI 49774

Funeral Service

JAN 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Love, Your QuikTrip Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Neva Jean (Ames) Perry.



Love, Your QuikTrip Family - January 02 at 02:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Neva Jean (Ames) Perry.



January 02 at 11:25 AM

BH

“ Bill and Jodi Heller purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Neva Jean (Ames) Perry.



Bill and Jodi Heller - December 29, 2025 at 03:08 PM

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“ Ashley Alexander planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Neva Jean (Ames) Perry.

Ashley Alexander - December 22, 2025 at 08:46 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Neva Jean (Ames) Perry.*



December 22, 2025 at 08:46 AM



“ *I was sad to see that Neva had passed away! When I was in high school I helped in the kitchen & got to know Neva. She was kind & loving & fun! She had a great Witt about her! Sending my sincere condolences to each of you ❤️ Val Lawlor*

Valli Lawlor - December 19, 2025 at 07:51 PM



“ *To the family of Neva I extend my deepest sympathy. She was one special lady. Always had a smile. She was a dedicated Hospital Auxiliary Member. She and Elsie, best friends to the end, were so dedicated to the Flea Market. Their booth was the linens, bedspreads and more. I can still see the two of the with funny hats on and dancing around their work table.*



Joyce Crawford-Henderson - December 19, 2025 at 03:28 PM

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“ *Neva was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever had the pleasure of knowing.*

We met one day at a Bible study and developed a very special friendship.

We had a lot in common and spent much time sharing memories and laughing together.

I will miss her, but I know she is with our Lord and is well and happy.

Nancy Darling - December 18, 2025 at 08:53 PM