



Ellen Lutes

July 4, 1937 - February 3, 2024

Ellen Lutes, “Meemaw”, our “Gramma Lu”, peacefully passed away Saturday, February 3rd, leaving behind a legacy that will forever be cherished by her family, friends, and the countless children whose lives she touched.

Ellen was a loving daughter, wife, sister, mother, grandmother and friend as well as a remarkable pillar of her community. She lived a most selfless life dedicated to nurturing and supporting those around her.

Ellen's devotion to her family knew no bounds, and her children, in turn, blessed her with beautiful grandchildren and great grand children who brought immeasurable joy to her life.

Ellen brought so much comfort to those in need, offering a listening ear, sage advice, and a shoulder to lean on when life grew challenging.

Ellen's nurturing spirit extended beyond her own family, as she tirelessly ran an in-home daycare for over four decades. She tended to the needs of countless children from her community, providing them with a safe and loving environment to learn and grow. P.A.L.S became a second home for many, where laughter, learning, and care filled each day. The impact she had on the lives of these children cannot be measured, as she forever imprinted love and kindness upon their hearts.

Her children, Tony, Mike, and Jody, will forever hold her memory close to their hearts. Her grandchildren, who were the light of her life, will cherish the memories they shared with their beloved mother and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Darrell D Roberts, brother, David Richardson, her second husband Jerry Lutes, her parents, Leon and Edith Richardson, grandson, Gage Lutes, brother, Steve Richardson.

She was survived by her, three sons and their wives, Tony Lutes and his wife, Rita, Mike Lutes and his wife, Tracee, and Jody Lutes and his wife, Stacie; her eight grandchildren and their spouses, Crystal Hillenburg and her husband, Brandon, Bethany Campbell, and her husband, Gabe, Ashley Burch and her husband, Jake, Christina Herron and her husband, Drew, Retsan Lutes, Evan Lutes, Mason Lutes, and Andrew Lutes.

Also surviving are her eight great grandchildren, Alivia Campbell, Addison Hillenburg, Griffin Campbell, Alexis Hillenburg, Evelyn Campbell, Huckleberry Burch, Edith Lucille Burch, and Oaks Graham Burch.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday February 7, 2024 at 2:00PM at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37. Burial will follow in the Clear Creek Cemetery. Visiting will also be held Wednesday, February 7, 2024 from 11:00AM until the time of the service at 2:00PM.

Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Cemetery Details

Clear Creek Cemetery

W Church Lane
Bloomington, IN 47403

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

KN

“ I attended church with her at Life Church. Such a wonderful strong faith. Sorry to hear of her loss

kathy Neese - February 11, 2024 at 10:56 PM

SA

“ I am so glad to have met her again in life. I was her caregiver for a while and yet we knew each other a time before. We went to the same church when I was young and knew a lot of the same church people. Even though I don't follow that anymore, she was always understanding. I miss my days with her and her love of ice cream together💚 She will always be missed and I am sad I didn't make it to the funeral. Love you Ellen and her family I got to meet💚

Samara Adams - February 10, 2024 at 08:21 PM

RK

“ My "sister-from-another-mister". What an incredible woman! Truly anointed with the Gift of Hospitality, making any & everyone who entered her home feel as if they had belonged there all along. A heart so big & so wide that it made room for all. I am so blessed to have known her as a friend, "partner in comedy", & fellow follower of Jesus. Rock-solid faith that sustained her through "many dangers, toils & snares". No bitterness, only gratefulness, was in her heart & spirit. Our hearts are indeed broken but we look for the greatest "Family Reunion" ever...inside the pearly gates of Heaven...where Ellen & our many other loved ones await. The "Welcome Home, Ellen" banner is hanging now over those gates & those who have gone before her are ready to greet her. Rest in peace, dear Ellen. We will see you again. --ruthie in New Orleans

RuthAnn Kerr - February 07, 2024 at 09:37 AM

LB

“ I am so thankful I was able to meet Ellen. She always had a story to tell. She was such a sweet and caring woman. I am grateful for being able to serve as her care coordinator.



Lacey Brindos - February 06, 2024 at 11:24 PM

MP

“ Ellen has been an inspiration to me since her husband and brother died in the boat accident. She met live head-on and won every time! She was successful regardless of the situation. She was capable, positive, cheerful, thoughtful - a wonderful example to all of us!

Martha Sparks Pedro - February 06, 2024 at 06:38 PM

BP

“ No one like Ellen!! I will miss our talks!! She was so fun & wow the stories that she could tell!! I've never met a more devoted person to her brother Steve whom she cared for until his death in 2012!! She was one fabulous cook & loved to have friends over for a meal & was never ready for you to leave!! She was truly one in a million!!

Bonita Petersen - February 06, 2024 at 06:23 PM

RK

Ditto, dear Bonita!! Gone, but never will be forgotten. Hugs.

RuthAnn Kerr - February 07, 2024 at 01:07 PM

TS

“ *The Church of the Open Door, Hot Springs purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ellen Lutes.*



The Church of the Open Door, Hot Springs - February 06, 2024 at 03:50 PM

TE

“ *Tony and Sue Engle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Lutes.*

Tony and Sue Engle - February 06, 2024 at 02:26 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellen Lutes.*



February 06, 2024 at 02:26 PM

WE

“ *With love, Barbara, Tara and Elise planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Lutes.*

With love, Barbara, Tara and Elise - February 06, 2024 at 01:59 PM

WE

“ With love, Barbara, Tara and Elise purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ellen Lutes.



With love, Barbara, Tara and Elise - February 06, 2024 at 01:59 PM

JB

“ Jason and Danielle Becker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Lutes.

Jason and Danielle Becker - February 06, 2024 at 01:24 PM

JB

“ Jason and Danielle Becker purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ellen Lutes.



Jason and Danielle Becker - February 06, 2024 at 01:24 PM

YF

“ Your Kaya Life Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Lutes.

Your Kaya Life Family - February 06, 2024 at 12:44 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Ellen Lutes.*



February 06, 2024 at 12:44 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ellen Lutes.*



February 06, 2024 at 10:47 AM



“ *Sage and Ghazanachaie family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Lutes.*

Sage and Ghazanachaie family - February 05, 2024 at 10:10 PM



“ *Sage and Ghazanachaie family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ellen Lutes.*



Sage and Ghazanachaie family - February 05, 2024 at 10:10 PM

CC

“ Ellen was always a bright and shining star to all who encountered her. She loved children and they loved her. She let the love of Christ shine through to all of those around her. She always opened her heart and her home to any one that she felt might need a hug or loving hand in their life. She was great at uplifting people and letting those around her know that she loved them. Ellen was just a very special person. She shared that trait with all of her family and her legacy will be carried on through them. Her children and grandchildren exhibit so many of the wonderful traits that she had. She was so proud of her family. They truly made her life complete. We traveled a lot with a lot of the family and there was never a dull moment. Ellen was full of life and laughter. She will be missed on this earth but I'm sure she is now lighting up heaven. We will all rejoice together when we are joined with her in our everlasting life.

Carla Clark - February 05, 2024 at 12:58 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ellen Lutes.



February 05, 2024 at 12:07 PM

MF

“ Myra Fellure planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Lutes.

Myra Fellure - February 05, 2024 at 12:07 PM

AC

“ *Ellen had the most beautiful smile and personality. I am so lucky to have known and care for her. We had so much fun together! She will be greatly missed. I am sending all my love to her family and friends.*



Amber Cloud - February 05, 2024 at 09:14 AM

SB

“ *I was a child when Ellen took care of me. It's hard telling how many other children she cared for over the years with her day care. She always greeted us with hugs and we left with hugs. She was so kind. She will always have a tender place in my heart.*

Sabra Ann Blackwell-Stark - February 04, 2024 at 09:24 AM