



Eleanor M. O'Connor

August 16, 1931 - April 22, 2021

Eleanor M. O'Connor, age 89, peacefully entered eternal life in Croswell on April 22, 2021 with her family by her side. She was born on August 16, 1931 in Buel Township.

She married William O'Connor on March 7, 1956, who preceded her in death on July 14, 2020. Eleanor is the daughter of the late Russell and Mable Miller. Eleanor was a graduate of Croswell Lexington High School Class of 1949. Following High School she worked as a telephone operator for Michigan Bell. She worked there until they went direct dial. She loved it there and could tell you anyone's number. Eleanor then became the manager of the Family Business Croswell Stockyards until she retired. This still remains a family legacy that both her and Bill worked together on!

Eleanor was a life long member of the Croswell Wesleyan Church. She was in the choir and a part of many Christmas Musicals there. She was also a greeter where she welcomed everyone with her special hugs! Because of her strong faith and love for Jesus, Ellie knew she was going to Heaven. What a tremendous peace she has given to those she has left behind.

Grandma Ellie was the most well known person in Croswell. She attended many sporting events throughout her later years to support her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. And, also to give her love to the community. She was an inspiration to all who knew her and will be desperately missed. Lives will

forever be changed because of Grandma Ellie.

Eleanor is survived by her children; Stephen (Linda) Hosterman, Randy (Catherine) O'Connor, Deborah (Randy) Swecker, Sarah (Fred) Kading, James O'Connor, and Donald O'Connor; also, survived by 21 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her son, Jerry L. Hosterman; grandson, Michael R. Schmidt; brothers; William Miller, Robert (Pauline) Miller, and Paul Miller; sister, Barbara (William) Boyd.

A memorial service to celebrate and honor Grandma Ellie's life will be held on Sunday, June 13th at 2:00pm at 3725 Old 51, Croswell, with a dinner to follow. Cremation arrangements are in the care of the Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Ave, Port Huron.

Memorial tributes can be made to Athletic Department of Croswell-Lexington Schools.

Jowett Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family with arrangements.

To view the obituary and share memories, please visit www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

Tribute Wall

DR

“ Meeting Miss Ellie before moving to Phoenix when I was 16 I was drawn to this new sweet Great Aunt Uncle Randy brought to our family. But what really touched me was after 17 years in Phoenix at the first family function she approached me and gave me the biggest hug and asked about myself, my family, Phoenix ect with a genuine interest that actually floored me. Every time I saw her I looked forward to my hug, smile and a overwhelming wave of love I felt for this beautiful soul. I cannot begin to imagine the loss my O'Connor family is feeling right now. I am so sorry and yet I am grateful I met a Angel before she got her wings.

Don Reaume - June 13, 2021 at 09:17 AM

DR

“ I loved working Monday nights w/ Bill O'Connor (my 2nd cousin) and his family at the Croswell Stockyards in the mid-1970's. Specifically working w/ Eleanor and Linda Hosterman in the office (when I wasn't in the auctioneer's box). Monday nights were always something to look forward to (they filled w/ hard work, encouragement and laughter). I now see why my father married into the O'Connor-Granger family. Every one of them is gregarious in some way and Eleanor was no exception. God bless my O'Connor family during their time of grieving. Love you all.

Dianne Sue Radford - June 13, 2021 at 08:09 AM

AW

“ *What a special little lady she was and what a long and beautiful life she enjoyed with her family on this earth. One memory I will never forget was attending her baby shower for Sarah. She knew she was having a little girl . She and Bill were amazed by this miracle and they were both so thrilled! What a blessing!❤️*

Ann Winters - June 05, 2021 at 11:24 AM

WC

“ *My sister-in-law and I went to the horse auction and Eleanor was handing out bidding numbers that night. I went out to the window and received my number, followed a few minutes later by Tammy. Eleanor noticed that Tammy and I shared the same last name and she said to Tammy, "I just had another lady up here with that same last name, was she your mother"? I honestly have never heard Tammy laugh that loud or that hard. The irony of this, is that I'm 2 years younger than Tammy. Going to miss Eleanor at those sales.*

Walda Caulkins - June 04, 2021 at 11:46 PM

EH

“ *Every single summer we saw her she greeted us with hugs and smiles, never skipping a beat. Her memory was remarkable!!! Thank you for loving me and my kids!! So glad you're in heaven dancing and laughing!!!*

Elizabeth Haller - April 26, 2021 at 03:03 PM

LH

Thank you so much Liz! She loved you all too!!❤️

Linda Hosterman - June 06, 2021 at 10:45 PM

BK

“ I will miss her smile and her hugs. My sympathy to her family.

Betty Kautz - April 25, 2021 at 03:12 PM

JK

“ Ellie was always there with a sweet smile, a kind word and a warm hug. Welcome home, Ellie!
with God's love, jim&carol

jim king - April 25, 2021 at 02:26 PM

DS

“ I am so sorry for your loss and am asking God to ease your pain and give you comfort. When I first moved here, in 2017 I went to Crosswell Wesleyan with my Daughter, Katrina Herbert, she introduced me to "Grandma" Ellie, who put her her loving arms around and gave the most sincere hug of anyone I met. I know that she will be deeply and sincerely missed.

diana stiltner - April 24, 2021 at 03:50 PM

LS

“ Aunt Ellie loved All ! She was the cutest little lady with the cutest little giggle! She will be missed 💕🙏 Sending love to my cousins Steve & Linda , Randy & Kathy, Jimmy, Donnie, Debbie & Randy And the Baby Sarah & Fred !

Linda Sheridan - April 24, 2021 at 09:23 AM

RE

“ My favorite memory of Aunt Eleanor and Uncle Bill is there little poodle they had and how they taught that thing to walk upright like a human and stand in the corner until they told him he can come out these have so much fun with that dog and me and Diane and Sarah Woodall sing and dance in the living room to the radio or the record player

Regina - April 23, 2021 at 08:40 PM

EL

“ Ellie was a beautiful soul. She was also Kooky and Carefree and spread happiness and smiles wherever she went! I am honored to have known her for so very many years! I bet she and Pauline are kicking up their heels in heaven! My love and condolences to the family. Elaine Hopkin

Elaine - April 23, 2021 at 07:21 PM

DB

“ Loved Eleanor and her smile and laugh....what a great lady. Thoughts and prayers with your family..Debbie Belling

Debbie Belling - April 23, 2021 at 06:27 PM

LS

“ Will always remember Aunt Ellie ! Such a sweet little lady! And that infectious giggle!All my love to my cousins Steve & Linda, Randy & Kathy, Jimmy, Donny , Debbie & Randy , And Baby Sarah & Fred !!

Linda SheridN - April 23, 2021 at 06:05 PM

KH

Ellie was everyone's Grandma!!! Even Scott, Brent & Mark were saddened to hear of her passing...but we all know she was passing from this life into Glory!!! Ellie was a precious Light of her/our Dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Blessings of His Peace to all of the O'Connor family and extended family.

Kim & Ellen Hartman

Kim & Ellen Hartman - April 25, 2021 at 01:18 PM