



Delores Ellen Wilkes

July 17, 1937 - March 13, 2018

Delores Ellen Wilkes, 80, of Mancelona, died peacefully March 13, 2018, at Meadow Brook Care Facility in Bellaire. She was born July 17, 1937, in Detroit, Michigan, to Irene and Stephen Papp.

On November 25, 1954, Delores married the love of her life, Roy A. Wilkes. They resided in Clawson, Michigan, until they moved to Mancelona, Michigan in 1973, where they have been for the past 45 years. Her love for antiques, angels, the Victoria Era, jewelry, and resale shops led her to open her own business, Dee's Antiques, in Mancelona. She excelled at designing and creating hand-sewn Victorian style lampshades. Her hobbies included watching old movies and musicals and she was always very lucky at the casino. She is survived by her husband, Roy; her five children, Leland Wilkes of Kaleva, MI, Susan (William) Hurst of Ludington, MI, Michele (James) Jewell of Alba, MI, Tamara Bullock of Birmingham, AL, and Paul (Kim) Wilkes of Nampa, ID.; and 6 of her 8 siblings, Gary, Helen, Darlene, Richard, Michael, and Robert. In addition, she has 13 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren with one more on the way. She is preceded in death by her brother Ronnie, her sisters Gloria and Diane, and her grandson Luke James Jewell. A memorial service will be held at 2:30 PM on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the Free Methodist Church in Mancelona. The family will receive friends from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM prior to the service. In lieu of flowers feel free to make donations to Community Lighthouse Food Pantry and Resale Shop in Mancelona Michigan.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Free Methodist Church
10725 Darragh Rd
MANCELONA, MI 49659

Memorial Service

MAR 17. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BC

“ Dear Roy and family: Bob and I were gone for the month of March and just now heard of Dee's passing....and it wasn't long ago we were talking about how we met and how much we always enjoyed being with the two of you. Please know our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Love, Bob and Fran Carey

Bob and Fran Carey - April 18, 2018 at 10:37 AM

SB

“ Roy, Lee and the Wilkes family, sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Scott Budrow and family

Scott budBud - March 21, 2018 at 02:45 PM

JM

“ I wanted to be there for you, so much! Dee was such a comfort to me when I lost my husband. She always had a hug and a smile for me, each time I saw her. I enjoyed visiting with her and Roy! I feel it an honor to call them friends!

Joni McCondrs - March 17, 2018 at 06:04 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Delores Ellen Wilkes.



March 16, 2018 at 09:40 PM

SD

“ My buddy my friend...we shared many interests together & found that up bringing was very similar. We truly loved our friendship...and found many hours of enjoyment together. I stayed in touch when I had to moved...and though our separation was miles apart, our hearts always touched. I will miss her deeply, always on my mind, forever in my heart. We were Victorian buddies for sure, you took a piece of me with you, when you flew on the wings of angels to heaven. To Roy & family I feel your loss & pain, May the Lord give you strength and ease your pain, I pray. Sharon

sharon dibert - March 16, 2018 at 07:51 PM

TB

“ The Hursts-Pam. Ed, Skip & Pam, Cathy & Bruce purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Delores Ellen Wilkes.



The Hursts-Pam. Ed, Skip & Pam, Cathy & Bruce - March 15, 2018 at 03:48 PM

CO

“ Consumers Energy - Substation Operations purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Delores Ellen Wilkes.



Consumers Energy - Substation Operations - March 15, 2018 at 02:17 PM

SG

“ Years ago when Dee had her shop in Mancelona my sister Ruth and I would always make time to stop in. Dee always had that beautiful smile. Such a treat to visit with her. God bless you all.

Sherry gillespie - March 15, 2018 at 09:39 AM

SS

“ Stacy&David Simon lit a candle in memory of Delores Ellen Wilkes



Stacy&David Simon - March 14, 2018 at 07:49 PM