



Gladys Mae Ballard

December 23, 1950 - March 7, 2025

Gladys Mae Ballard, 74, of Lake City, passed away on Friday, March 7, 2025. She was born on December 23, 1950, in Wyandotte, Michigan, to Avery and Ruth (Hoag) Cross.

Gladys was a kind and supportive mother, always encouraging her children in all they pursued. She had a love for garden gnomes, a passion for genealogy as a member of the Kalkaska Genealogy Society, and a talent for storytelling, having written children's books. She was also an ordained minister and had the honor of participating in the first Women's Veteran Honor Flight.

Gladys will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 41 years Leslie Alan Ballard; sons Don (Alice) Straughen, Dave (Kimberly) Straughen and Doug (Jennell) Straughen; daughters Laurie (Joe) Ballard-Palomino, Kimberley Ballard and Jennyfer (Brandon) Ballard-Neff; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; siblings William (Barb) Cross, Dennis Cross, and Larry (Carol) Cross.

A visitation will be held at Kalkaska Funeral Home on Thursday, March 13, 2025 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S. Cedar
Kalkaska, MI 49646
(231) 258-3346

Tribute Wall

FC

“ *Friends at Cadillac Printing Company purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Gladys Mae Ballard.*



Friends at Cadillac Printing Company - March 12, 2025 at 03:52 PM

TF

“ *The Edith Stephens Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gladys Mae Ballard.*



The Edith Stephens Family - March 12, 2025 at 03:44 PM

BF

“ *Brian, Judy Ring & Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Gladys Mae Ballard.*



Brian, Judy Ring & Family - March 11, 2025 at 07:56 PM

SF

“ *Streibeck Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gladys Mae Ballard.*



Streibeck Family - March 11, 2025 at 06:48 PM

BG

“ Brian, Jamey, Michelle & Gabriella purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Gladys Mae Ballard.



Brian, Jamey, Michelle & Gabriella - March 11, 2025 at 09:54 AM

BG

“ Brian, Jamey, Michelle & Gabriella planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gladys Mae Ballard.

Brian, Jamey, Michelle & Gabriella - March 11, 2025 at 09:54 AM

PM

“ Pete and Jen Meyer purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gladys Mae Ballard.



Pete and Jen Meyer - March 10, 2025 at 05:34 PM

PM

“ Pete and Jen Meyer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gladys Mae Ballard.

Pete and Jen Meyer - March 10, 2025 at 05:34 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gladys Mae Ballard.*



March 10, 2025 at 03:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gladys Mae Ballard.

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