



## Marceline D. Essary

July 5, 1930 - January 21, 2014

Marceline (MawMaw) D. Essary, 83 peacefully entered Heaven's gates January 21, 2014 in Traverse City, Michigan. She was born in Lubbock, Texas July 5, 1930 to Murray and Vesta Glasscock.

In 1947 her Aunt Anne Sipe introduced her to a young man recently home from his stint in the Navy, Ruben Essary. After a short 6 week courtship they married in Lubbock, TX. Their love story continued for 57 years until his final celebration of life in 2005. Their family grew to six daughters and many other "daughters" who made her home their home, too. She always had room for one more -- sometimes two or three. It was never quiet at the Essary house and everyone felt welcome.

They lived in Lubbock, Denver City, and Quanah, Texas. Their final transfer with Shell Oil Company in 1970 was to Michigan where they enjoyed beautiful summers, colorful autumns, cold winters and the rebirth of the land each spring.

After retirement they traveled often, and especially enjoyed Hawaii and South Padre Island, Texas for several weeks each winter. In recent years she lived at Kalkaska Assisted Living and had many friends among the staff and residents. She often told others, "I really like where I live."

She had an unwavering faith in God and was a living example of a Proverbs 31 woman. Her children do indeed “rise up and call her blessed.” A member of the Kalkaska Church of Christ, Kalkaska, Michigan she lived the “Greatest Commandment” – to love God with all her heart, soul and mind and the “Second Commandment” – to love her neighbor as herself.

She was mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great grandmother and soon to be great-great grandmother to 131: 6 daughters and 6 sons-in law (Kay/Bob Nelson of Elk Rapids, MI, Cheryl/Randall Ryan of Childress, TX, Pam/Kenneth Horton of Quanah, TX, Melissa/Tim Leftwich of Rociada, NM, Terry/David Babcock of Kalkaska and Kim/Mike Babcock also of Kalkaska).

Her life has been further blessed by 24 grandchildren and 23 spouses, 70 great grandchildren (soon to be 71) and 1 great great grandchild (soon to be born). Her family, after God, was her life. Her greatest legacy is they all know and love the Lord.

She loved to shop, and being mostly confined to a wheelchair in recent years barely slowed her down. However, most often her purchases were for others. She enjoyed cross word puzzles, the Hallmark Channel and visits with family and friends and hugs and shouts of “MawMaw” from the children in her life. People were drawn to her smile and quiet manner, often telling her “their life story” because she was so easy to talk with.

As her short final illness progressed to her heavenly celebration day, she was enveloped in love by her family and friends. The staff at Kalkaska Assisted Living became her friends and their friendship, and caring compassion brought her a lot of joy. That compassionate care continued at Munson Medical Center. Her comfort and peace were their priority which brought her family peace as well.

Friends are invited to join the family for visitation on Friday evening at the Kalkaska Funeral Home from 5 – 8 pm and before services on Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at Kalkaska Church of Christ. The service to celebrate her life will be Saturday, January 25, 2014 at the Kalkaska Church of Christ, 11:00 a.m. A luncheon reception for family and friends will immediately follow in the Fellowship Center.

Memorial donations may be directed to Kalkaska Church of Christ, 1725 W. Kalkaska Rd. NW, Kalkaska, MI 49646.

The family is sincerely grateful for the outpouring of love, prayers, support and random acts-of-kindness shown to us as our dear Mom-Momma-MawMaw traveled her final earthly days.

Kalkaska Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to direct Marceline's final care. Friends and family can share memories of Marceline at [www.kalkaskafuneralhome.com](http://www.kalkaskafuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

272 West St.  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **24**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home  
152 S Cedar St  
P.O. Box 1457  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

## Final Visitation

JAN **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Kalkaska Church of Christ  
1725 W Kalkaska Rd NW  
Kalkaska, MI 49646  
<http://www.kccwired.com>

## Service

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JAN 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fond memories of a sweet lady. Prayers to all the family. Victory in Jesus!*

*Ellen (Wood) Fogel*

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**Ellen Fogel** - February 04, 2014 at 08:15 AM

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“ *Kay, Cheryl, Pam, Melissa, Terry and Kim- God truly blessed each of you with precious parents. They have always loved each of you, your spouses and all of your children more than anything. God and Family met everything to them and their lives showed that in every way. They showered so much love and kindness to so many. We have always thought of them as second parents and loved them so very much. Our kids thought of them as grandparents too. When we met both your mom and dad 42 years ago our lives were enriched & we have NEVER been the same. in 2005 when your father went home to be with our Lord we all mourned but we knew there was rejoicing as your father was home. Now, we feel the same about your sweet mother. We will miss her but we know that she is home at last too. They finished the race and now are with our Lord. We will always cherish the memories that we have with them - We thank God that our lives touched. Our prayers are with all of you. Tomorrow will be a celebration of rejoicing for a life well lived. May God comfort each of you. Love and Prayers, Keith and Cindy Way*

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**Cynthia Way** - January 24, 2014 at 11:41 AM

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“ *Kim , Mike , Terry,Dave and your families , What an incredible women and wonderful Christian example to all of us. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers to all of you. Sharon Underhill*

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**sharon underhill** - January 24, 2014 at 10:54 AM

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“ *The Terrell Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marceline D. Essary.*



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**The Terrell Family** - January 23, 2014 at 07:43 PM

PM

“ *Paula M. purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Marceline D. Essary.*



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**Paula M.** - January 23, 2014 at 07:16 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marceline D. Essary.*



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January 23, 2014 at 04:53 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Marceline D. Essary.*



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January 23, 2014 at 02:46 PM