



Eloise J. Claveau

June 10, 1924 - January 31, 2017

Eloise (Ellie) June Claveau 92 of Scottville passed away on January 31, 2017 at Oakview Medical Care Facility in Ludington after a brief illness.

Ellie was born on June 10, 1924 in Huntington, Indiana to Lloyd and Alma (Fox) Buckingham. The family moved to Scottville in 1940 when Ellie and her sisters Judy and Donna were young ladies. She graduated from Scottville High School in 1942 with her sister Judy.

Her parents Lloyd and Alma were owners/operators of two businesses in Scottville, the Buckingham Cafe and Scottville Recreation (Pool Hall and Bowling Alley). Along with this they helped Ellie and her sister Judy open K's Dress Shop in Scottville. Ellie also was employed as a Bookkeeper over the years for Stokley's Canning Factory, Mason County Central Schools and Farmer's Petroleum, all of Scottville.

When Frank (Butch) Claveau returned from service with the Navy in WWII they married on December 1, 1946 and built a house on West Beryl Street in Scottville, where they lived until her death. Ellie and Butch just celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on December 1st of last year.

Ellie was preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd and Alma Buckingham, her sisters Judy (Fred) Reader and Betty Lee Buckingham. She is survived by her

husband Butch, son Bruce Claveau Sr. of Scottville, and daughter Rise (Larry) McIntosh of Ludington, her three grandchildren Bruce Claveau of Seminole, FL, Jordan (Samantha Wcisel) McIntosh of Ludington, and Landon (Jessica) McIntosh of Grand Rapids, her four great-grandchildren Aryanna McIntosh of Ludington, Braylin McIntosh of Sault Ste. Marie, Ethan Claveau of Colorado Springs, CO, great-granddaughter McIntosh due in April, her sister Donna Merrill of Ludington and several nieces and nephews.

For the past 69 years Ellie loved traveling with and listening to the Scottville Clown Band in parades and concerts all over Michigan and other states. She also enjoyed the Pentwater Civic Band concerts for the past 60 years and the Baldwin Sounds of the Forest concerts for over the last 24 years. Ellie served on the Scottville Harvest Festival Queen committee for over 52 years with her sisters Judy and Donna. She was also Scottville Citizen of the Year in 1975, along with her husband Butch. She also loved spending time with her husband, children, grand children and great grand children.

Cremation has taken place and per Ellie's wishes, no memorial service will be held. Any memorial contributions may be directed to the Scottville Clown Band Scholarship Fund, 405 N. Main Street, Scottville, MI 49454.

Tribute Wall



“ we would like to let you know how sorry we are for your loss our town has lost one more of the great ones the millers

Betty Bauer - February 05, 2017 at 06:47 PM

FS

“ *Ellie was a great lady. Having grown up next door to Butch and Eillie, I have fond memories of summers filled with music and BBQ's. She was a dear friend to my mom and we all were grateful to have her so close. We enjoyed spending time with her while watching the Clown Band in places like Mackinac Island during the Lilac Festival. She was a very special lady. Our deepest sympathies To Butch, Bruce and Rise' and their families.*
Fred and Martie Smith

Fred and Martie Smith - February 03, 2017 at 09:14 AM

MR

“ *I first met Ellie when I started high school in Scottville. she and her sister Judy were in the same grade that I was in. I've known her well ever since. She was one of the nicest people you could ever hope to meet. She will be missed by all of us.*
Margarette Reader

Margarette Reader - February 02, 2017 at 07:21 PM

DS

“ *I can remember spending HOURS at Butch and Ellie's home practicing first aid for ski patrol - something Butch and Jon L. got me involved in. Ellie never practiced but was often a willing "injury victim" for us to practice on. Brave lady! Always a gracious lady with a fun streak.*
Debby Saxton

Debby Saxton - February 02, 2017 at 11:27 AM

EC

“ *Fond memories going clear back to Buckingham Café. My love and prayers to you all. Ellen Chisholm*

Ellen Chisholm - February 02, 2017 at 10:55 AM

 Angela Reader

“ *Aunt Ellie will be missed so much. Such a kind heart and caring spirit. I have so many wonderful memories of spending time with her and Grandma growing up. Now they are both watching over their families with pride. Wonderful women who have left wonderful legacies.*

Angela Reader - February 01, 2017 at 05:44 PM

KT

“ *Dear Butcher, Ellie was one of the sweetest people I have ever had the privilege to know. I am so sorry for your loss. We will miss seeing her at the summer concerts in Baldwin. Prayers for you and your family. Kris Trucks*

Kris Trucks - February 01, 2017 at 04:50 PM

 Sandra Martin

“ *Dear Butch, Bruce, and Rise', My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time of sorrow in the loss of your sweet wife, and Mother. I remember doing her hair while Rise' was on vacation and our long talks, we all loved going out for our annual luncheons, Margaret, Ellie, Barb, Rise' and myself. She was a kind and loving lady, full of grace and goodness. She will be missed by many of her loved ones and the whole Scottville community. She was one in a million. May you rest in the arms of Jesus now, my sweet Ellie. Always in my thoughts. Sandy and Alan Martin(Lower).*

Sandra Martin - February 01, 2017 at 01:16 PM

TM

“ I have so many wonderful memories with Ellie and her family. Going to Clown Bandparades and concerts, Civic Band nites in Pentwater, taking us girls to the beach, boat tripson Hamlin Lakes, fireworks on the 4th, building awesome Harvest Festival kids parade things in her garage(winning every year), getting ready for nights out as teenagers with Rise' and our friends and the list could go on forever. She was like a 2nd mom. I love you Ellie. RIP and hole you know you meant so much to me, your famy and your friends. Prayers are with you all Butch, Bruce and Rise'. You are in my thoughts as you say goodbye to a very special wife and mom. ❤️

Terri Wagner Mendelsohn - February 01, 2017 at 11:58 AM

LK

“ Butch, Bruce, Rise' and families, I am so sorry for your loss. Ellie was a beautiful, loving and compassionate woman. I remember many great times with Ellie when Butch and Bruce would have a dance job, and times at the Elks. Your families as well as the Scottville community have lost a treasure. She will be missed by everyone that knew and loved her. You will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. Love to you all.
Lorna



Lorna Kendall - February 01, 2017 at 11:25 AM