



Ella Marie Telgenhoff

May 3, 1931 - December 30, 2025

Ella Marie Telgenhoff of Cadillac passed away into the arms of the Lord and Savior Tuesday, December 30, 2025. She was 94. She was born on May 3, 1931, in Cadillac to Oren L. and Anna Mae (Monter) Witherspoon. She married Donald Bruce Telgenhoff on October 13, 1956 and they shared 59 years of marriage until his death July 6, 2016. Their marriage was blessed with two children, Judy Lynn and Gary Dean.

Ella graduated from Cadillac High School in 1949, then went to work for Michigan Bell Telephone. After several years, she started secretarial work for Michigan Clerk's Office, (the old City Hall on North Mitchell Street). She was also employed at Cadillac Credit Bureau and Lincoln School. Ella enjoyed volunteering at Mercy Hospital, Oasis, Center Lake Bible Camp, Cancer Drive and Temple Hill Baptist Church alongside her husband. Ella enjoyed playing piano, reading, ceramics and traveling.

She is survived by her daughter, Judy (Paul) Guest of Cadillac; grandchildren: Jennifer (Nate) Sackett, Brad (Angela) Ward, Heather (Kevin) Girard; great-grandchildren: Autumn, Adriana, Aliza, Leah, Ethan, Aaron, Evan, Jackson, Jake; sister, Evelyn Emogene Boerma and many special nieces and nephews. Ella was also preceded in death by her son, Dr. Gary Telgenhoff January 4, 2018; siblings: Bob, Paul, Dean, Richard; sister, Margaret, and special friend Verna Vanderhoof.

Funeral services will be held 10:30 AM Monday, January 5, 2026, at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac with Pastors Andy Brubaker and

Bart Glupker officiating. Visitation will be from 3-5 PM Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac.

Memorial contributions may be made to Temple Hill Baptist Church or Center Lake Bible Camp. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

Mitchell Street
Cadillac, MI 49601

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services
205 East Cass Street
Cadillac, MI 49601
info@petersonfh.com

Funeral Service

JAN 5. 10:30 AM (ET)

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205 East Cass Street
Cadillac, MI 49601

Tribute Wall

JV

“ *Ella was such a loving, warm woman. She was always there for my mother through some incredibly tough times. The Telgenhoff family was truly part of my family, and will always be.*

John D. Vanderhoof - January 04 at 10:52 AM

RG

“ *So sorry to hear of Ellie's passing. She was a good friend of my mom's. A very special lady. My condolences go out to Judy and your family.*

Roxeanne Gustafson - January 03 at 08:24 PM



“ *Judy & Family*

I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a blessing to all who knew her. Sending many prayers to you all at this time.

Rita (Gustafson) Shankel

Rita L Shankel - January 03 at 09:50 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ella Marie Telgenhoff.*



January 03 at 09:24 AM

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“ Tom, Mary, Nick and Zack Olen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ella Marie Telgenhoff.

Tom, Mary, Nick and Zack Olen - January 03 at 09:24 AM

JJ

“ Jim and Debbie Jackson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ella Marie Telgenhoff.



Jim and Debbie Jackson - January 02 at 11:47 AM

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Jim and Debbie Jackson - January 02 at 11:47 AM

RD

“ Being in Ella's presence was always uplifting and heart warming, she really lit up with smiles and laughter when stories of her precious family were being shared! Ella was very wise in that by submitting herself to the Lord throughout her life she became the best version of herself as a loving wife, a loving mother, and a true friend ready to encourage or exhort (if needed lol). Ella sure made me feel special, i suspect she made all who were in her company feel this way!! thank you Jesus for gifting her to us as long as you did we needed her. Thank You Rick

Rick DeGrave - December 31, 2025 at 10:15 PM

DB

“ Sympathy to Ella's family and friends. She was the definition of "A real lady", always friendly and with a beautiful smile. R.I.P. Ella.

Daniel Brooks - December 31, 2025 at 02:07 PM

BA

“ Judy and family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. I will be keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Bonnie Alworden.

Bonnie Alworden - December 31, 2025 at 12:33 PM