



## Harriet Elizabeth Ashbay

February 18, 1929 - July 6, 2021

Harriet Elizabeth Ashbay of Manton, Michigan passed away, July 6, 2021 at Pleasant Lake Lodge in Cadillac. She was 92.

Harriet was born February 18, 1929 in Ann Arbor Michigan to Charles Edward and Esther Alyce (Aseltine) Bowling and they preceded her in death. On March 4, 1950 in Ann Arbor, Michigan she married Lewis Junior Ashbay and he preceded her in death on July 26, 2018.

Harriet graduated from the University of Michigan High School and later worked at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lansing. Harriet later retired from Michigan State University's Geography Department. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Manton for many years.

She was an amazing woman, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Harriet had a gift that engaged others. She was a fantastic conversationalist and genuinely was interested in others. Children were drawn to her; neighborhood children were always around and she helped shape and guide them in a fun way. Harriet loved her perfect grandchildren and loved to play games with a competitive spirit and Harriet's rules.

She is survived by her children: Gordon (Valli) Ashbay of Grand Ledge, Gary (Ellen) Ashbay of Battle Creek and Lucinda (Michael) Rathbun of Cadillac; 8

grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by a son, Warren E. Ashbay and siblings: William, Edith, Babe, Catherine, Chester, and Charles.

Graveside services will be held 11:00 AM, Saturday July 24, 2021, at Fairview Cemetery in Manton. A luncheon will follow at her home.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church or to Hospice of Michigan Cadillac Chapter. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).



JS

“ We love you always Grandma! I'll miss your Facebook messages and the fun stories from the past. I'll always remember how much you loved hearing me play and how much you wanted my clothes from my closet. Even though you loved cheating at cards, I will still miss those double solitaire games. Love you, miss you and will remember you always.

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**Jada Schmittling** - July 09, 2021 at 05:33 PM

TG

“ Harriet was a kind and amazing women.

*Always enjoyed speaking to her.*

*She loved her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and was very proud of their achievements.*

*What a wonderful life!*

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**Tim Gill** - July 09, 2021 at 12:36 PM

LL

“ I will miss your wonderful smile and big hugs. Harriet, you are so loving and sweet.

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**Lori Lierman** - July 09, 2021 at 11:12 AM

LA

“ We love you so much Grandma!! You will be greatly missed and always in our hearts. We cannot believe you are gone but we know you are in heaven with Grandpa and Jesus.

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**Lisa Ashbay-Singh** - July 08, 2021 at 07:07 PM

SH

“ Thinking of you

Shelby - July 08, 2021 at 06:00 PM

EA

“ So sorry to hear of Harriet's home going, she will be greatly missed. She was a wonderful person and always so thoughtful. Dallas and I loved to go up and play cards with your mom and dad. Always a great time! My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May you rest in God's love peace and comfort.

Esther Ashbay - July 08, 2021 at 02:17 PM

RB

“ I always loved your bubbly disposition & how you always made everything fun. RIP Aunt Harriet I love you! 🙏🙏🙏

Robin Brough - July 08, 2021 at 08:22 AM

SR

“ I worked with Harriet for many years at MSU. I enjoyed our many walks. She was always positive with a great sense of humor. I loved hearing stories about her young life in Ann Arbor and her children and grandchildren. I will miss her dearly.

Sharon Ruggles - July 08, 2021 at 07:35 AM

GA

“ Mom was an amazing women! She had lots of love for everyone. I loved her very much and will miss her.

Gary Ashbay - July 08, 2021 at 06:46 AM