



Jean Ilene Lumbard

June 22, 1935 - January 30, 2026

Jean Ilene Lumbard, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by family, at the age of 90. Born on June 22, 1935, in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Jean was the daughter of Carl M. Muir and Marguerite H. Muir. She attended Comstock High School, where she showcased her remarkable singing talent, performing on the Ted Mack Amateur Hour and at various venues throughout her life.

In August 1951, Jean married Ralph A. Lumbard of Kalamazoo, embarking on a love-filled journey that would last an incredible 74 years. Their love story began when she invited him to a Sadie Hawkins Valentine's Day Dance earlier that year, marking the start of a lifetime of cherished memories.

In 1967, Jean and Ralph moved their family to Harrietta, Michigan, where they opened their first restaurant and gas station, "Family Affair." Over the years, they also owned "Jeannie's Fine Food Restaurant" and "Ralph's Little Shelf," a party store and gas station. Jean was deeply involved in the community, contributing her time and energy to organizations such as Rebecca's, Eastern Stars, and the Theta Roe Girls Club. She proudly served as a volunteer firefighter and ran the Mesick Mushroom Festival Flea Market for many years, leaving a lasting impact on her community.

Jean and Ralph raised four children: Cathy (Steve) Conner, Jean (Matt)

Oliver, Ralph Jr. (Shellee) Lumbard, and Jody (Kirk) VanBogelen. Their daughters Margaret and Barbara passed away at birth. Jean is also survived by her brother, Carl "Sonny" D. Muir of Cadillac.

In 1990, Jean and Ralph retired and moved to Mesick, Michigan, where they enjoyed traveling to all 50 states and formed deep connections with many friends. They spent their winters in Congress, Arizona, and cherished summers in Mesick.

Jean's greatest pride was her family, which includes her four children, eight grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren, whom she adored. With infectious joy and kindness, she welcomed everyone into her life, turning acquaintances into lifelong friends.

Jean's legacy is one of love, warmth, and generosity, and she will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

A celebration of Jean's life will be held on Friday, February 6 at 11:00am at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services (205 East Cass Street, Cadillac, MI). 10-11am Visitation where family and friends can come together to share memories and honor her remarkable journey.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Eastern Stars Sherman Chapter #197 of Mesick in Jean's name, continuing her legacy of giving and community service. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Funeral

FEB 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services
205 East Cass Street
Cadillac, MI 49601

Tribute Wall

DH

“ Anyone who has ever met my aunt Jean are at a loss. She was a very special, beautiful and kind lady. God bless.

Duane H. - February 09 at 11:31 AM

DH

“ Duane H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Ilene Lumbard.

Duane H. - February 09 at 11:25 AM

BF

“ Brittany (Mead)Vaillant and family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jean Ilene Lumbard.



Brittany (Mead)Vaillant and family - February 05 at 04:34 PM

BF

“ Brittany (Mead)Vaillant and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Ilene Lumbard.

Brittany (Mead)Vaillant and family - February 05 at 04:34 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean Ilene Lumbard.



February 05 at 03:34 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Jean Ilene Lumbard.



February 04 at 12:08 PM



“ Shadowens, Coons, Garcias, Lehman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Ilene Lumbard.

Shadowens, Coons, Garcias, Lehman - February 04 at 12:08 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Jean's passing. Know that I'm thinking of all you during this time and know she will be missed by all. God's Blessings ...Love Velda Griffin

Velda Griffin - February 03 at 07:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jean Ilene Lumbard.*



February 03 at 10:31 AM



“ *We are so very sorry to hear that Jean has passed away! We always have enjoyed running into she and Ralph and visiting. Sending many hugs to all of you and your Dad. Ken & Denise. We are in the South, so won't be able to attend the service but will be thinking of you*

Denise Abraham - February 02 at 04:59 PM



“ *Aunt Jean was a wonderful lady she welcomed anyone to her home (and RV 😊) and was not only a gracious hostess but genuinely showed affection and warmth to everyone! She was the closest (Lumbard) aunt to me, treating me just as if I were her own. She will be greatly missed, and it is a comfort to know she is in the arms of Jesus now!*

Jane Lumbard - February 02 at 02:56 PM



“ *Love Donna and Atlee Martin purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Jean Ilene Lumbard.*



Love Donna and Atlee Martin - February 02 at 02:45 PM

LM

“ Love Donna and Atlee Martin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Ilene Lumbard.

Love Donna and Atlee Martin - February 02 at 02:45 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jean Ilene Lumbard.



February 02 at 02:24 PM

RS

“ Robin, Anita, Bob and Cindy Simmons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Ilene Lumbard.

Robin, Anita, Bob and Cindy Simmons - February 02 at 02:24 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jean Ilene Lumbard.



February 02 at 11:12 AM

DP

“ Dave Plotner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Ilene Lumbard.

Dave Plotner - February 02 at 11:12 AM

LF

“ Lyle, Sharon Lumbard & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jean Ilene Lumbard.



Lyle, Sharon Lumbard & Family - February 02 at 09:36 AM

LF

“ Lyle, Sharon Lumbard & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Ilene Lumbard.

Lyle, Sharon Lumbard & Family - February 02 at 09:36 AM

SH

“ Aunt Jean was one of the cornerstones of our family. She will be missed.

Sharon - February 02 at 09:31 AM

SC

Sorry to hear of Jean's passing. Spent many enjoyable times with the Lumbard's when we lived in Harrietta. Ralph and Jean came and visited us in Wyoming. Much love to the Lumbard family
Woody & Sandy Caldwell

Sandra Caldwell - February 13 at 09:20 PM