



## Lee Ellen Driggs

December 16, 1941 - August 31, 2020

PALMYRA- Lee Ellen (Maloney) Driggs of Palmyra and wife of the late Hugh H. Driggs, died on Monday, August 31, 2020, at her daughter's home surrounded by her family.

Lee Ellen was born in Adrian on December 16, 1941, to Leon Bernard and Arthelia Ellen (Goken) Maloney of Palmyra. She graduated from Blissfield High School and attended Adrian College where she was a member of the Mu Zeta Chapter of Chi Omega Sorority.

Lee Ellen was employed at L.E. Mitchell Welding, in Adrian, for 30 years before retiring in September 2000. She continued to keep the books for her husband's business, H.H. Driggs Farms.

She was a member of the Palmyra Community Presbyterian Church, co-secretary-treasurer of the Palmyra Township Cemetery Association and served on the Palmyra election committee; which she really enjoyed but had to resign because of Hugh's declining health.

Lee Ellen loved spending time with her grandkids and attending all of their functions.

She is survived by her three children, Tami Knierim of Blissfield, Todd Knierim of Adrian, and Keith Knierim of Palmyra; grandchildren, Nikki Muter of Sylvania, Ashley Walker of Jackson, Blade Knierim of Palmyra and Breann Knierim of Adrian; great-grandchildren, Joel Caruso, Camden and Carter Muter all of Sylvania, and Madeline and Grace Walker of Jackson; cousins, G. Loren Ruhl of North Shores and her especially close cousin, Dana Slepeky of Dearborn.

Lee Ellen was preceded in death by her husband, Hugh H. Driggs, parents, grandparents, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services for Lee Ellen will be on Friday, September 4, 2020, at 11 a.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel, Blissfield, with Rev. Larry Betz officiating. Burial will follow

at Palmyra Cemetery. Visitation will take place on Thursday, September 3, 2020 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home and from 10 a.m. until the start of the service on Friday. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Lenawee in Lee Ellen's honor.

Following the Governor's executive order, all attendees are required to wear a proper face covering, with the exception of those under the age of five years old or those who cannot medically tolerate.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com)

# Cemetery

**Palmyra Cemetery**  
East US 223  
Palmyra, MI, 49268

# Events

**SEP 3**   **Visitation**   04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Wagley Funeral Home Tagsold Chapel (Blissfield)  
301 S. Lane St., Blissfield, MI, US, 49228

**SEP 4**   **Visitation**   10:00AM - 11:00AM

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**SEP 4**   **Funeral Service**   11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Hi, my name is Sandy Ford Heiser. My parents were Gilbert and Ida Ford. We lived on Robb Highway, 1 mile north of US 223.

Lee Ellen and I became good friends while walking home from Palmyra Elementary School. We walked past our original school, the old small Church where there was no indoor plumbing in 1947. No wonder a new school was built! After passing Heltzers gun shop we took a shortcut path along the river behind Elsworth Stoute house. So safe back then.

I accompanied Lee Ellen and her parents sometimes on trips to see her Grandparents in Lansing. She and I loved being dropped at the movie theater there. Our love of movies continued at the old Bliss Theater in Blissfield. We loved Debbie Reynolds, Audrey Hepburn and Doris Day.

We played a duet in a piano recital. I imagine Mrs. Corbet had a challenge finding an easy part for me. Lee Ellen played well. We use to sing at her piano while she played. Popular in 1954 and 1955 was a song “The Naughty Lady of Shady Lane”. We made up our own words and title “The Naughty Boys of Blissfield High”! On Saturdays we often went to Adrian, grocery shopping with my mom. But Lee Ellen and I were more interested in the comic books at Chandlers on W. Maumee. It was great to run there from the old A & P. Lee Ellen was very talented and good childhood friend who was lots of fun.

Blessing to the family and friends.

Sandy Heiser

Jill Heiser - September 04 at 08:51 AM

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“ Patricia Huggler lit a candle in memory of Lee Ellen Driggs



Patricia Huggler - September 03 at 10:03 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lee Ellen Driggs.



September 02 at 09:57 PM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lee Ellen Driggs.



September 02 at 02:46 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lee Ellen Driggs.



September 02 at 02:03 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lee Ellen Driggs.



September 02 at 10:26 AM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lee Ellen Driggs.



September 02 at 09:15 AM

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“ Loving memories of a very wonderful lady that we spent time together and remembering the times that Lee rode to school with me. Memories of a admirable and caring friend. Ours thoughts and prayers with the family Ken and Sharleen Kendall

**Ken and Sharleen Kendall.** - September 01 at 09:47 PM



“ Lee Ellen certainly loved her family. There are no words to say that reach the loss of a Mother & Grandmother.. may the memories you hold in your hearts be of comfort in the days ahead. John and Pat Huggler

**Patricia Huggler** - September 03 at 10:01 PM



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September 01 at 09:17 PM



“ Lee Ellen was an amazing lady. She always had time to come out to the car to talk with my father. Condolences and prayers for the family.

**Tami Rehklau** - September 01 at 05:17 PM



“ Tami, Todd and Keith, my heart is saddened by your loss. May your memories fill your heart with happiness. Jayne Roback Near

**jayne Near** - September 01 at 04:30 PM



“ Tami, Todd, & Keith, My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I will miss the lunches with your Mom and the phone calls that could go on forever. I will always cherish the memories that she and I shared over the many, many years of our friendship. May beautiful memories of a life lived to its fullest be with you and your families always.  
Much love, Carolyn & David Noel

**Carolyn Noel** - September 01 at 02:39 PM



“ Evelyn H. lit a candle in memory of Lee Ellen Driggs



**Evelyn H.** - September 01 at 01:22 PM

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“ Always a friendly lady whom I shared many memories with that will always last. We were blessed to have known each other. Our heartfelt sympathy to her family.

**Wayne & Karen Roback** - September 01 at 12:49 PM



“ Will Miss Her And Seeing Her In The Post Office

**Kim Bauer** - September 02 at 07:11 AM



“ Going in the post office I would see her know and then Will miss her

**Kim Bauer** - September 02 at 10:29 AM