



## Ellsworth Lee Stout

January 20, 1942 - January 2, 2024

ANN ARBOR- Ellsworth Lee Stout, 81, formerly of Adrian died on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at Ascension Providence Hospital in Novi.

Ellsworth was born on January 20, 1942, in Detroit, MI, the only son of Reed and Lelea (Hummer) Stout. The family moved to Lenawee County in 1945 and Ellsworth graduated from Adrian High School in 1959. He went on to attend Michigan State University. Ellsworth served his country in the National Guard and Army Reserve from 1964 to 1974 during the Vietnam era, discharged honorably as First Lieutenant.

On April 1, 1967, Ellsworth married Mary Elizabeth Sailer at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Monroe, MI. During their 56 years of marriage, they raised 3 children, created many memories as a family, and grew in faith and love. They belong to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Ann Arbor.

Ellsworth's career in insurance covered several decades. He worked at John Hancock in Adrian, Monroe, and Birmingham, MI, and Solon, Ohio for 20 years before moving to Gleaner Life Insurance in Adrian, MI in 1987. Ellsworth filled many roles during his 25 years at Gleaner, including the title of President and CEO for his last 5 years, before retiring in 2012.

Ellsworth's strong work ethic was evident in everything he did, but when it was time to relax he enjoyed being outdoors. He was involved with the National Ski Patrol for 40 years, starting in Irish Hills and working throughout Michigan, ending his service at TreeTops Ski Resort in Gaylord. In addition to skiing, he loved golfing, fishing, and hunting.

Ellsworth contributed his time and talents to many organizations, including the Rotary Club of Saline, receiving the Paul Harris Fellow recognition, American Legion Post 275, Vietnam Veterans of America, Amvets, TriCounty Sportsman Club, Lenawee Country Club, Hidden Lake Gardens and Olivet College Insurance Advisory committee. He was past president of the National Fraternal Insurance Counselors and the Michigan Insurance Counselors and served on the board of the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run airport.

Ellsworth made room to meet up and stay connected to lifetime friends. He was a gifted dynamic speaker with a radio-announcer voice who was always willing to share his stories and impart his knowledge to others.

In addition to his wife, Mary, Ellsworth is survived by their children, Christopher Reed (Stephanie) Stout of McLean, VA, Heather Marie (Timothy) Goodchild of Novi and Emily Elizabeth (Michael) Petrous of Saline; and 5 grandchildren, Ethan, Griffin, Harper, Crosby, and Beckett. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Mary Lu Stout.

Visitation will occur on Friday, January 12, 2024, from 2 to 8 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian. A funeral mass will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Family Parish, St. Mary's Campus in Adrian with Fr. Michael Newman, OSFS, as celebrant; with visitation from 9:30 a.m. until the mass begins. Burial will follow at Palmyra cemetery following a luncheon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Holy Family Parish, American Legion Post #97 or the Lenawee County Historical Society. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Palmyra Cemetery

East US 223  
Palmyra, MI 49268

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **12**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
(517) 263-1400  
[info@wagleyfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@wagleyfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

## Funeral Mass

JAN **13**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Holy Family Parish  
St. Mary's Campus  
305 Division Street  
Adrian, MI 49221

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ Kathleen M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellsworth Lee Stout.

Kathleen M. - January 19, 2024 at 04:13 PM

DS

“ So sorry to hear about Ells. It was a pleasure to know and serve with him on the Yankee Air Museum board of directors and have him play at several of our golf outings. God Bless. Dave Steiner

David Steiner - January 15, 2024 at 02:15 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ellsworth Lee Stout.

January 12, 2024 at 05:11 PM

MS

“ I am so sorry to hear this. Saw Ellsworth at a couple of events in Adrian not that long ago. Ellsworth has always been a gentleman. I know he will be missed by all who knew him. His involvement in the communities at home or in Adrian benefited from his knowledge and grace. Marty Wheelock Schoonover, Daughter of Bernard and Else Wheelock.

Marty Schoonover - January 12, 2024 at 03:25 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Ellsworth Lee Stout.*



January 12, 2024 at 10:20 AM



“ *Thea Sailer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellsworth Lee Stout.*

**Thea Sailer** - January 12, 2024 at 08:29 AM



“ *Thea Sailer purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ellsworth Lee Stout.*



**Thea Sailer** - January 12, 2024 at 08:29 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ellsworth Lee Stout.*



January 11, 2024 at 11:29 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ellsworth Lee Stout.

January 11, 2024 at 03:40 PM



“ Frank, Reide & Joanne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellsworth Lee Stout.

Frank, Reide & Joanne - January 11, 2024 at 02:15 PM



“ Frank, Reide & Joanne purchased the *Sentiment s of Serenity Spray* for the family of Ellsworth Lee Stout.



Frank, Reide & Joanne - January 11, 2024 at 02:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ellsworth Lee Stout.



January 11, 2024 at 12:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ellsworth Lee Stout.*



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January 11, 2024 at 06:33 AM



“ *Kenny, Katie, Collier, Gavin & Nora planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellsworth Lee Stout.*

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**Kenny, Katie, Collier, Gavin & Nora** - January 11, 2024 at 06:33 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ellsworth Lee Stout.*



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January 10, 2024 at 05:34 PM



“ *Mary, Bob and I extend our most profound sympathy to you and your family. Bob & Gail Perkins*

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**Gail Perkins** - January 09, 2024 at 04:15 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Ellsworth Lee Stout.*



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January 09, 2024 at 03:31 PM



“ *As I offer my sympathy and prayers, may God grant you comfort as you lay Lee to rest. May knowing he is with God and all his loved ones who had already gone before him, fill your hearts with love, peace and gratitude. ✨*

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**Sister Nancy Marie Jamroz** - January 09, 2024 at 01:53 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellsworth Lee Stout.*



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January 09, 2024 at 12:48 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellsworth Lee Stout.*



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January 08, 2024 at 11:00 AM

SH

“ Sharon & John Figore and Karen & Robert Holmes purchased the *Celestial Love* for the family of Ellsworth Lee Stout.



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**Sharon & John Figore and Karen & Robert Holmes** - January 07, 2024 at 03:19 PM

TK

“ The K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellsworth Lee Stout.

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**The K.** - January 07, 2024 at 03:12 PM

KL

“ One of the closest, most loving families I have even known. Rest in Peace Mr Stout.

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**Kristin Langeloh** - January 07, 2024 at 03:01 PM

PM

“ Polly M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellsworth Lee Stout.

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**Polly M.** - January 06, 2024 at 07:48 PM

ML

“ Dear Mary and family,

*Duffy found your "Els" obituary today and we BOTH fondly remembered the years of having MARY as our dental hygienist at Dr. Donald Ambrose's office for many years!*

*Mary, please accept our deepest condolences, as we both remember your fond stories of ELS and the children. (Remember, we wanted our Dan to marry your daughter so we could become relatives??!!!). Els is so handsome and accomplished. What a beautiful couple.*

*We live in Northville, MI now so may our paths cross again. My Mom, Jean Phillips, will be 95 this year and still living on her own! We sure were sad when Dr. Ambrose retired, and probably since then, I have "dentist anxiety"!*

*God bless and watch over you and your family. Forever grateful for your cleanings and friendship, Walter (Duffy) and Mary Anne*

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**M A Linsell** - January 06, 2024 at 07:48 PM

MS

*Oh my goodness,I have thought about you so so many times. Would love to get together. Ells was failing with heart,lung and kidney issues and had a cardiac arrest on New Years Eve. He was tired.. it was his time-but not mine. Hope we can touch base soon. Thank you and Duffy for reaching out.*

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**Mary Stout** - January 07, 2024 at 12:00 PM

DB

“ *David B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellsworth Lee Stout.*

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**David B.** - January 06, 2024 at 06:19 PM

SH

“ We were so sad to read about Ellsworth's death. He was a fun friend from high school, a positive person with a sense of humor and many kind words for all of us. We will miss him!! Love Shelley and Dave Hickman

Shelley and Dave Hickman - January 06, 2024 at 04:52 PM

FG

“ From: Farmbrook Dental Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellsworth Lee Stout.

Farmbrook Dental Group - January 06, 2024 at 12:20 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Ellsworth Lee Stout.



January 06, 2024 at 12:20 PM

BB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bob Bielenda - January 06, 2024 at 09:46 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ellsworth Lee Stout.*



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January 06, 2024 at 09:19 AM



“ *Pedro Jimenez and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellsworth Lee Stout.*

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**Pedro Jimenez and Family** - January 05, 2024 at 07:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ellsworth Lee Stout.*



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January 05, 2024 at 07:40 PM



“ *My dearest childhood friend will miss our many lunches. We have stayed connected through the years sharing many treasured memories! Our love to Mary and your family.  
Larry & Margie Reed*

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**Larry & Margie Reed** - January 05, 2024 at 06:05 PM

SL

“ *What an amazing life you’ve led. Beautiful family, friends & surrounded with love. Those of us lucky enough to have you in our lives are forever grateful. I love you Cuz.*

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**Susan Leedy** - January 05, 2024 at 05:55 PM

JS

“ *My heartfelt condolences, Mary and family. When my grandson was small, we were given tickets to the airshow by Ell's. He had a grand time and met with Ell's for a tour . What a kind man, and my grandson,now. 33 still remembers that kindness. The meetings of 59ers will never be the same, but his memory will remain.*

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**Jill Shaffer** - January 05, 2024 at 05:51 PM