



## Kathryn E. Esterline

September 17, 1915 - June 2, 2013

ADRIAN – Kathryn E Esterline, 97, of Adrian, passed away Sunday, June 2, 2013, at the Hospice of Lenawee Home where, for the past seven months, she had been cared for with love and treated as a precious family member. Born September 17, 1915, she was the only child of the late Clifford E. and Minnie M. (Gearhart) Luke.

On July 8, 1942, Kathryn married Howard Esterline in Palo Alto, California, and they celebrated 67 years of marriage prior to his death in 2010.

She received her Bachelor's Degree from Western Michigan University.

Kathryn retired in 1979 from Adrian Public Schools with 25 years of service at Garfield Elementary. She also taught in Coldwater. Most important to Kathryn was spending time with her family. Other favorite pastimes included painting, playing golf, cards and bingo, and doing her needlework.

Survivors include her sons: William (Pamela) Esterline of Adrian and Donald (Katy) Esterline of Manitou Beach; four grandchildren: Bryan (Cory) Esterline of Commerce Township, MI; Heather Esterline (Joe Lange) of Bellaire, MI; Wynn (Amy) Esterline of Manitou Beach; and Dane (Sarah) Esterline of Tecumseh; and seven great grandchildren: Jackson, Caitlyn, Ty, Hunter, Jett, Andrew and Ellie Mae.

Special thanks to Home Instead Sr. Care, who for the past eight years, provided reliable, loving care to both Kathryn and her husband, Howard.

In addition to her parents and husband, Kathryn was preceded in death by a very special CareGiver, who became a treasured part of the family, Sandy

O'Neil.

As Kathryn requested, cremation will take place. Private graveside services will be held at Lenawee Hills Memorial Park.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com). Contributions in memory of Kathryn may be made to Hospice of Lenawee, 1903 Wolf Creek Highway, Adrian, Michigan 49221.

# Cemetery Details

## **Lenawee Hills Memorial Park**

1291 Wolf Creek Hwy.  
Adrian, MI 49221

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kathryn E. Esterline*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Mrs Esterline was my fifth grade teacher at Garfield, a year which I remember as one of wildly changing expectations, social norms, and habits which are probably typical of any group of prepubescent kids en route to middle school. Mrs Esterline handled it all with grace -- nothing seemed to phase her. She was a welcome reassurance, allowing us to be children and test what is was to be the big kids. My thoughts are with you all. May her great grandchildren be assured that their great grandmother was beloved.*

*Allison Dutoit*

**Allison Dutoit** - June 13, 2013 at 03:19 PM



“ *Condolences to the Esterline family. May the "God of Comfort" bring you comfort and peace at this difficult time (2 Corinthians 1:3 & 4). Your family are in my prayers.*

**Williams family** - June 07, 2013 at 04:34 PM



“ *Dear Esterline Family,*  
*I am so sorry to hear of Kay`s passing. My sister Sandy O`Neill thought the world of Kay and enjoyed caring for her.*

*Carol & John Ford*

**Carol Ford** - June 06, 2013 at 07:28 PM

DM

“ I have had the pleasure of doing Kay's hair for the past several years. One very special lady, she will be missed by many. Bill, Pam, Don and Kate and the rest of the Esterline family you have my heart felt sympathies.

*Donna Musolf*

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**Donna Musolf** - June 03, 2013 at 07:30 PM

SB

“ Dear Esterline Family:  
I had your mom for 5th grade at Garfield Elementary School. She and Mr. Bruce were the greatest teachers. And Keith has fond memories of working with your Dad.

*Our thoughts are with you and your families.*

*Keith and Sheryl (Walper) Braun*

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**sheryl (walper) braun** - June 03, 2013 at 05:47 PM

SE

“ Bill, Don and family. I am deeply saddened for your loss. It was an honor caring for your mother Kay. She was a very special woman to us all and will be greatly missed. I will never forget her smile and all the laughs we shared together. She will always be a special part of my heart. My thoughts and prayers to your entire family. ~Serena

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**serena espinoza** - June 03, 2013 at 04:23 PM

JC

“ Bill and Don, and the entire Esterline family: My deepest condolences for the passing of Kathryn. I remember growing up my father speaking highly of both your father and mother. May God take good care of her.

*John Castle*

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**John Castle** - June 03, 2013 at 02:44 PM

JG

“ Thinking of the Esterline family,

*"Gunner" and Rhea*

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**Jennifer Griffith** - June 03, 2013 at 01:35 PM