



## Murldean Apollonia Hurlbut

October 22, 1930 - February 22, 2025

ADRIAN- Murldean Apollonia Hurlbut, age 94, of Adrian, MI, died February 22, 2025, blessed by the Grace of her Savior and with her family by her side.

Murldean was born on October 22, 1930, in Adrian, MI, the daughter of Jesse E. and Elsie L. (Leffelhart) Britten. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Stephen Evangelical Lutheran Church, Adrian. At age 16, while in high school, Murldean worked as an Adrian Telephone Operator. She graduated from Adrian High School with the class of 1949; where she was involved with the band and the Girls Athletic Association.

On July 2, 1949, she married Keith Lee Hurlbut, and they celebrated 75 wonderful years together this past summer. Murldean and Keith were blessed with four children. She enjoyed traveling with Keith on business trips, going out dancing (especially the Jitterbug) and loved downhill skiing with the family.

She faithfully attended and was an active member of St. Stephen Evangelical Lutheran Church her whole life. In her Lord's grace, Murldean sang in the church choir, was secretary of Alter Guild, a member of the Ladies Society, and taught Sunday school. She coached the church's first girls' basketball team, coordinated the church alter flowers for many years, was a member of bible class and the Sewing Bee. Murldean enjoyed driving the church ladies to the former South Lyons Lutheran Home where they visited shut ins. When she

was younger, Murldean found time to take a lead role in PTA when her children were in school.

In addition to her husband, Keith, Murldean will be missed by their children, Britt (Diane) Hurlbut of Adrian, Margo Hurlbut of Stanford, MI, and Todd Hurlbut and Tamara Wall both of Adrian; five grandchildren, Heather (Albert) Perez, Jacob (Nicole) Hurlbut, Vaughn (Cameron) Lakatos, Apollonia (Matthew) Cox and Christopher (Aitanna) Wall Jr.; thirteen great grandchildren, Vincent, Juliana, Holden, Ava, Pierce, Beckett Keith, Bentley, Charlee, Zephyr, Xander, Eden Grace, Rhema and Zoé. She loved her two sisters-in-law Mary Ann and Marilyn Britten and their families, her cousins, as well as her church family.

Murldean was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Gordon E. Britten and Darwood J. Britten.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Stephen Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Adrian, with Pastor Brian Keller officiating. Family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the service begins. Burial will be private.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Lenawee for the wonderful and loving attention Murldean received under their care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Stephen Evangelical Lutheran Church or Hospice of Lenawee.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian, where online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).



# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAR 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stephen Evangelical Lutheran Church  
632 S. Madison Street  
Adrian, MI

## Memorial Service

MAR 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

PC

“ I am so sorry that I just learned of Murldean's passing today...too late to attend the memorial. She always so kind to us. She leaves remarkable children and grandchildren as a testament to her character. May she enjoy eternity with her maker. Love to always!

Patricia J Clark - March 03, 2025 at 03:46 PM

BB

“ Burke and Kelly Castleberry and Boys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Murldean Apollonia Hurlbut.

Burke and Kelly Castleberry and Boys - March 01, 2025 at 10:25 AM

BB

“ Burke and Kelly Castleberry and Boys purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Murldean Apollonia Hurlbut.



Burke and Kelly Castleberry and Boys - March 01, 2025 at 10:25 AM

Todd Hurlbut

“ Todd Hurlbut lit a candle in memory of Murldean Hurlbut



Todd Hurlbut - February 28, 2025 at 06:42 PM

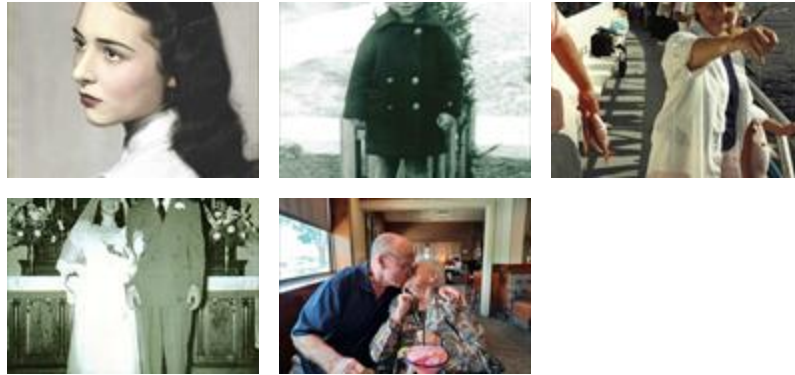
CD

*God rest her soul. She was a sweet and colorful neighbor. Always surrounded by the beauty of flowers. Heaven is a happier place with Murideans precence..... 🙏😊❤️*

**Chuck Davis** - March 03, 2025 at 09:31 AM

Todd Hurlbut

“ 11 files added to the album Murldean



**Todd Hurlbut** - February 28, 2025 at 07:48 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Murldean Apollonia Hurlbut.

February 25, 2025 at 06:53 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Murldean Apollonia Hurlbut.



February 25, 2025 at 06:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Murldean Apollonia Hurlbut.

February 25, 2025 at 06:06 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Murldean Apollonia Hurlbut.

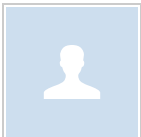


February 25, 2025 at 06:06 PM



“ Tamara,  
We know how much your Mother meant to you and we are heartbroken to learn of her passing. The love and expert care you consistently provided to your Mom over the years was like a beautiful gift for her to unwrap and enjoy each day. We hope that brings you comfort in the days and weeks ahead.  
Sincere condolences to the entire family.  
Deana and Dad Powelke

Deana Powelke - February 25, 2025 at 05:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Murldean Apollonia Hurlbut.



February 25, 2025 at 03:08 PM

HP

“ My absolute favorite memory of my Grandmother was when she pretended to be the Wizard of Oz Wicked Witch. We were on a picnic at Trestle Park with my kids (Vince and Jules) who were toddlers at the time, my Uncle Todd and Grandma. When we took to kids onto the bridge to look around, Grandma went under the bridge and started saying in her best Witch voice, "I'll get you my pretty and your little dog too". My kids eyes opened wide and Todd and I screamed, "Watch out for the Flying Monkeys" and we picked up the kids and took off running. Needless to say, onlookers thought we were all crazy but it was so much fun. I will always cherish my grandmother's sense of humor and her amazing imagination! You will be greatly missed! Much Love - Heather

Heather Perez - February 25, 2025 at 11:40 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Murldean Apollonia Hurlbut.



February 25, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Murldean Apollonia Hurlbut.



February 25, 2025 at 07:44 AM