



Ellen Hilborn

October 12, 1941 - June 5, 2020

Ellen Hilborn, age 78, of Bad Axe, Michigan passed away on Friday, June 5, 2020.

Born in Pinnebog, on October 12, 1941, Ellen was the daughter of the late Harold and Beulah (Lewis) Morgan. She married Ned Hilborn, July 16, 1966, and together they spent their lives as members of the Port Austin and Bad Axe communities where Ellen worked as a nurse at Huron Memorial Hospital for 40 years.

An avid adventurer and nature lover, Ellen loved to travel. She spent her summers fishing, camping, and biking (motorcycle and pedal) and her winters cross-country skiing and planning her next big trip. With her husband and family, she visited all 50 states making it her mission to explore all our National Parks. When not traveling, Ellen loved relaxing with a good book and watching her beloved Detroit Lion and Tigers.

A state-certified licensed builder for a time, Ellen worked side-by-side with her husband Ned, remodeling homes throughout their life. And even though she loved shopping for shoes and purses, you were more likely to find her wandering the aisles of Menards and Home Depot shopping for tiles.

Ellen was a long-time member of the Bad Axe Free Methodist church. "Nurse Ellen" was a friendly face during fishing, baseball, and family week at Bay Shore Camp and Family Ministries where she volunteered several years and was honored to serve on their board of directors. She spent several summers volunteering at Oakdale Christian Academy in Jackson, Kentucky, working

with children of all ages.

Many will remember Ellen's wicked sense of humor, gentle smile, and calming presence. Born a quiet local farm girl, Ellen loved life and enjoyed living in the moment - content with the bounty that God provided.

Ellen is survived by her husband, Ned Hilborn, of Bad Axe; one son, Chad (Kelly) Hilborn of Owendale; and two daughters, Kathy (Jay) Nickels of Hudsonville and Tracy (Robert) Boyd of Lake Havasu, Arizona. She had six grandchildren, Nick, Bryce, Kyle, Rebecca, Becky, and Michael and two great-grandchildren. She fostered several children in the community, keeping an open door to any child in need.

She was preceded in death by sons Gary and Ken Hilborn and Dave McPherson; brothers Lowell and Donald Morgan; and sister Dorothy Leitch. A graveside service will be held on Monday, June 8, 2020, at 11 am at Colfax Township Cemetery. Officiating will be Rev. Jerry Sutton. Friends may gather at the cemetery before the 11 am service time. There will also be a visitation at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe on Sunday, June 7, 2020, from 1 – 5 pm.

Cemetery Details

Colfax Township

Bad Axe, MI

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Colfax Township
Bad Axe, MI

Visitation

JUN 7. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

EC

“ I'm sorry for the loss. I am you Cousin Elizabeth “Liz” Carol Chkoreff. And daughter of Larry and Carol Chkoreff. And granddaughter of Christine Nikoloff and Peter Chkoreff. I am niece of Louise Chkoreff and Karl Henry. And cousins with Sue, Kirk, Keith, Matthew, Jim and Justin and Janell Henry. And we all are cousins closely. 😊 I am mother of Micah William Chkoreff and Gabriel Lee Chkoreff as my micropremie twins. And I graduated from Kennesaw State University and Georgia College and State University with a MAT. M.ed in Special and general education pre k through University. It reads Dr. Chkoreff. You are my cousin and you are loved and we will always have good history. It was the Nikoloff in me to be determined. And the Hilborn in me to have twins. And it is that we think alike. I am ok with you being ok in Heaven if that's where it is suppose to be. I do love you. You counted. Elizabeth “Liz” Carol Chkoreff, MAT. M.ed



Elizabeth “Liz” Carol Chkoreff - December 04, 2025 at 01:03 AM



“ Ellen Hilborn

January 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM

DL

“ Ned, We are so sorry to hear of Ellen's passing. You and your family are in our thoughts. Deb and Jerry Leitch

Deb and Jerry Leitch - June 08, 2020 at 10:09 AM

CH

“ Ned,
Fran and I are so sorry to hear of Ellen's passing. You and
your family are in our thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely, Art & Fran

Carl A Hoytenga - June 08, 2020 at 09:12 AM

CR

“ Ned and family. We are so sorry for your loss. Cindy Ruth-Mike
Chaplinski.

Cindy Ruth - June 07, 2020 at 08:19 AM

EC

“ Ned and family...Del and I were sad to learn of sweet Ellen's
passing. Our most sincere condolences to you.

Evelyn and Del Conkright - June 07, 2020 at 12:24 AM

JH

“ So very sorry for your loss.

Jeanne and Larry Hartwick - June 06, 2020 at 06:45 PM

ER

*I worked with Ellen and she was such a sweet person. RIP. Ellen
Rytlewski*

Ellen (Lasceski) Rytlewski - June 06, 2020 at 07:59 PM

GP

*So sorry to hear of Ellen's passing. I knew her thru her years of nursing
at Huron Memorial- she was a wonderful nurse. Prayers to Ned and
Ellen's family.
Gail Pankratz*

Gail Pankratz - June 06, 2020 at 09:03 PM

NW

I'm so sorry to see that Ellen has passed.. I always enjoyed chatting with her at work... Prayers.. and comfort to you Ned and the family.. She was a special person. <3 Nancy Wolfe

Nancy Wolfe - June 06, 2020 at 10:47 PM

DL

*My sincere condolences to you Ned and family! I worked with Ellen at Huron Memorial & she was very sweet and a mild mannered lady. Thank you Ned for all the love & care you've given her. My prayers for comfort go out to you.
Dee Leonard*

Dee Leonard - June 07, 2020 at 01:02 AM

CR

Thoughts and prayers to Ned and family Gods blessing at this difficult time sincerely Cheryl Rice

cheryl rice - June 07, 2020 at 06:11 AM

NB

Ned and family....Ellen will be in our hearts and memories. My thoughts and prayers go out to you. Nancy Bouck

Nancy Bouck - June 07, 2020 at 08:40 AM

MN

Ned and family. My sympathy on the loss of Ellen. She always had a smile and a dry sense of humor that we all needed at certain times. She will be remembered in all of our memories. Mary Beth Nimitz

Mary Beth Nimitz - June 07, 2020 at 11:18 AM