



Alice Kay Ransler

October 30, 1945 - January 16, 2026

Alice Kay Ransler, age 80, passed away on January 16, 2026. Alice was born on October 30, 1945 to Richard and Virginia Van Der Kolk. Alice graduated from Hopkins Public Schools and proudly earned her bachelor's degree in Agriculture and Rural Life from Western Michigan University. She was an elementary school teacher in Caledonia for several years before taking time to raise her sons. Later, she went back to work at WMU in the Department of Blind Rehabilitation.

Alice loved spending time swimming in the family lake with her husband, Elton. She had a lovely sense of humor to go along with her sweet smile. She was an accomplished pianist and enjoyed listening to organ music. In her later years, she embraced technology by exploring the internet and connecting with friends on her laptop and smart phone. Her grandkids were her greatest source of pride and joy and she spent countless hours playing, swimming, cooking, reading, and talking with them.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband of 56 years, Elton; her sister, Angeline Thomas; and brothers-in-law Clifford Ransler and David Hurley. She is survived by her sister, Barbara (Russ) Coffey; brother-in-law Dean Thomas; sister-in-law Shirley Hurley; sons Brian (Amy) Ransler and Paul Ransler; four grandchildren, Nathaniel Pippin, James Ransler, Megan Ransler, and Trevor Ransler; and numerous cousins, nephews, nieces, and

family friends.

A visitation will be held from 11:00am -1:00pm on Friday, January 23 at Calvary Baptist Church in Gobles. A funeral ceremony will be held following visitation at 1:00pm. Memorial contributions can be made to WMUK Public Radio.

Cemetery Details

Kendall Cemetery

CR 653 and CR 388
Kendall, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 23. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Baptist Church
403 E Van Buren St
Gobles, MI 49055
(269) 628-4100

Funeral Service

JAN 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Baptist Church
403 E. Van Buren
Gobles, MI

Tribute Wall

MP

“ I first met Alice when she started teaching at Gobles elementary a year after I did. Mike also taught with Elton in the high school so we've known them for a long time. She was such a sweet person. I feel bad that I just found out about this today and missed her service.

Thoughts and prayers for Brian and Paul and their families - her family meant the world to her.



Mike and Pam Potts - January 28 at 12:32 AM

KG

“ I meet Alice years ago when we would both be at Curves for a workout. We would always talk about education and she would share stories about her grandchildren. She was always so kind and had a positive outlook on everything. I enjoyed our conversations. We have kept in touch via Facebook over the last couple of years. My condolences to her family, she will be missed.

Kim Goodrich - January 24 at 12:21 PM

CC

“ Craig & Connie Cooley lit a candle in memory of Alice Kay Ransler



Craig & Connie Cooley - January 22 at 01:37 PM

BS

“ Beverly&Bruce Storey lit a candle in memory of Alice Kay Ransler



Beverly&Bruce Storey - January 21 at 08:06 PM

TT

“ The GHSP Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Alice Kay Ransler.



The GHSP Team - January 21 at 11:46 AM

Profile icon

“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alice Kay Ransler.



January 20 at 08:03 PM

DS

“ Alice and I became friends years ago and I started working for her and Elton and we became wonderful friends that I will cherish for the rest of my life, Alice you was an amazing person and we could sit and talk all day long I miss you more than words can say, thank you for being my friend, Dar



Darlene J Sheen - January 20 at 06:04 PM

CS

“ Brian, Paul, and Grandchildren, I share in your loss, Alice and Elton were Dear friends for over 60 years, I am so sorry for your grief.. they were such beautiful souls. We can only aspire to be like them. Alice was lost after she lost her soulmate, we had many conversations appreciating her happiness in their constant companionship. We are all richer, because we were lucky enough to be a part of their lives. I will forever cherish the memories of them. We met as Strangers, we left as Friends, Someday we shall meet again in Heaven, where Friendship never ends... R.I.P. Alice Soar with the Angels... I shall truly miss you, my sweet friend...



Candy Shields - January 19 at 06:54 PM