



Ella Margrethe Rathbun

October 27, 1934 - July 9, 2014

Passed away Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at Rose Arbor Hospice Residence. Ella was born October 27, 1934 in Boone Township Iowa, the daughter of David and Dagmar Johnson and has lived in Bangor since 1962. She started the ICU unit at the South Haven Hospital where she also worked for over 30 years. Ella was also a supporter of the Library and was truly dedicated to helping people. Surviving are her 2 children, John (Julie) of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, David of Kalamazoo; 3 grandchildren, Leah, Ella and Chloe; a sister Lillian Hauswirth; 2 brothers, Jerry and James Johnson; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband John. Following her wishes cremation has taken place. Memorial service information will be posted as soon as it becomes available. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association, the Van Buren District Library or any charity of the donors choice. Arrangements by, BANGOR CHAPEL, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Arlington Hill Cemetery

56838 - 28th Avenue
Bangor, MI

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 13. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Tavern
233 W. Monroe
Bangor, MI 49013

Tribute Wall

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“ I didn't get a chance to say goodbye to my friend she left t quick, Ella was one of my favorite patients at the Dialysis Center. I remember when I first met her we became friends. I will truly miss her her kind and sweet heart. To the family God be with you and keep you always.



Nancy West Fresenius Dialysis Technician

Nancy West - September 27, 2014 at 06:18 PM

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“ Ella was a great niece (my nephews John wife.) How sad in her passing and not being informed. David and Jed my sympathy. (Her Aunt by marriage) Aunt Barbara Rathbun Olds.

Barbara Rathbun Olds - August 03, 2014 at 04:39 PM

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“ I'm sending my heartfelt sympathy to Ella's family during this time of great loss. I have known Ella for 9 years, where I began as one of her dialysis technicians at Fresenius Medical Care-South Haven Dialysis and currently as the Secretary. Ella was such a joy to have known and I, along with other staff members and her fellow "dialysis family" will miss her very much. I will always remember during the holiday season, she would bring the staff her incredible homemade sausage and cheese and she would laugh (that laugh) every time - when I would try to take off with the plates and hide them from everyone else! Rest easy now Ella, you are missed by all.

--Dee Dee Yunke--

Dee Dee Yunke - July 20, 2014 at 02:15 PM

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“ I don't ever remember seeing Ella get too upset or angry about anything - even at the height of our teenage shenanigans. She had a calmness and grace about her that not too many people have, There were other good things, too, like her laugh, which others have mentioned.

I will also remember her whenever I make her broccoli coleslaw salad, which she was kind enough to share with me. It's a great summer recipe, and numerous people have told me how much they like it.

Bill Delor - July 12, 2014 at 08:32 PM

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“ My parents, Don & Martha Bregger bowled with John & Skeet in S. Haven for several years & occasionally they would take me along, (when the older kids had plans & couldn't babysit). It was a very fun time...lots of laughs, of course most of the jokes were prob. a tad over my head, but it didn't matter it was fun just to be there with them all! Esp. When they played the Owens/Danapolis team! Of course they would all buy me snacks & give me money for the pinball machine...so, that was pretty cool, too! Good memories!

Vicki Bregger Seth - July 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

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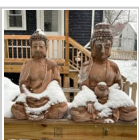
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Phill Baber - July 12, 2014 at 09:51 AM



“ I'm very thankful that Mom was so lucid and coherent up until the end. It made it that much easier to tease her and give her some guff about our situation. A total trooper to live that long with three Rathbun men! She never lost her sense of humor and appreciation for our twisted take on the world!

David Rathbun - July 11, 2014 at 09:55 PM



“ Remember/memorial get together at the Community room at Bangor Tavern from 2-5 Sunday July 13th. Bring some stories and memories to share!

David Rathbun - July 11, 2014 at 08:57 PM

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“ *Jed, Dave and your families,
I was so sorry to hear about your mom, she was a great lady. I got to know her when I worked in the Pharmacy at the hospital. My thoughts and prayers go out to you all, remember all the good times with her, she will always be in your heart and memories.*

Suzie (Ghidotti) Traudt - July 11, 2014 at 07:58 AM

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“ *Thinking of Dave, Jed and their families.....your Mom was a real classy lady - I'm gong to miss her smile and that wonderful laugh of hers! Lots of great memories at the Rathbun house!*



Anne Delor Webster - July 10, 2014 at 11:11 PM

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“ *I have many happy memories of working with Ella. She was a very caring nurse and would always lend a hand . She truly cared for her patients and other nurses. I still make some of her recipes.*

Carolyn Murray - July 10, 2014 at 07:14 PM

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Phill Baber - July 12, 2014 at 09:43 AM