



## Marcella A. Merriman

May 17, 1927 - November 28, 2020

Marcella A. Merriman, age 93, of Bangor, passed away Saturday, November 28, 2020 at Bronson Hospital, Kalamazoo, MI. Marcella was born May 17, 1927 in Des Plaines, IL the 9th of 14 children of Aloysius and Emma (Geimer) Didier. She has lived the majority of her life in the Bangor area. Marcella was a multi-talented women, successful in many endeavors, including owning and managing a restaurant, selling real estate, and blueberry farming. But she will be most remembered for her amazing skills as a seamstress. She had an alterations business in her basement when her children were young. As the family grew, her sewing skills turned to creating horse show riding outfits, prom and wedding dresses, and numerous other creations for the family. Once she and Les retired to Lake Placid, Florida the focus of her seamstress skills changed again to creating hundreds of stuffed bears to be donated to sick children in hospitals. Many of her grandkids are proud owners of her Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls. Then, looking for a new sewing challenge, she decided to try her hand at quilting. She took a class at her local fabric store in Florida and the rest is history. Quilting became a passion. She created hundreds of quilts for herself, family, and friends. Her most memorable moment was being honored at her 90th birthday party when family and friends came from all over the country, bringing the quilts Marcella made for them to be displayed at that party. It was a dream come true. Surviving are her 4 children, Mary Stocchiero of Bangor, Doug Merriman of Bangor, Joe (Donna) Smolinski of Farmington Hills, Dotti (Mark) Mortensen of Breedsville; 7 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; sister, Barbara Flynn of Richmond, IL; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leslie Merriman, whom she married in 1973; first husband, Walter Smolinski; 6 brothers; and 6 sisters. There will be a graveside service at 2:00 PM Wednesday, at the Arlington Hill Cemetery with Deacon John Lohrstorfer officiating. Arrangements entrusted to the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home. The family suggests memorials be made to St. Basil Catholic Church in South Haven, or River Ridge Retirement Village activities fund. The family would like to thank the staff at River Ridge for treating her like family with loving care.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington Hill Cemetery

56838 - 28th Avenue  
Bangor, MI

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

DEC 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Bangor, MI

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ I was fortunate to have met Marcella at River Ridge in South Haven. She was so soft spoken, but also witty with a marvelous sense of humor. I feel cheated that I had not known her for a longer part of my life. My sympathy goes out to her friends and family who have lost such a soul. Know that through your many memories of her that her Spirit will be with you until you join her again in Heaven.  
Jim McCloughan

Jim McCloughan - December 20, 2020 at 01:21 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to your family on the loss of your mother. She (and Les, thru her) helped me very much on the more current Merriman genealogy for their line. via emails, many years ago. I never got the pleasure of meeting her in person, but I thought she was such a sweet person, she always had a quilt that she was working on. The world has lost a wonderful woman. RIP Marcella and thank you for all of the help that you gave me through the years. Kim (Roe) Kester - Grand Junction,MI

Kim Roe-Kester - December 06, 2020 at 04:13 AM

TM

“ Always enjoyed visiting with marcella when we were at River Ridge. Such a sweet lady.

Tony Marr - December 04, 2020 at 06:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marcella A. Merriman.



December 01, 2020 at 08:42 PM

PV

“ My deepest sympathy.



Patricia VanZoeren - December 01, 2020 at 12:41 PM

CA

“ Carrie lit a candle in memory of Marcella A. Merriman



Carrie - December 01, 2020 at 10:37 AM

CA

“ My Condolences to all who knew and loved her. Our prayers are with you! Nelson and Esparza family.

Carrie - December 01, 2020 at 10:36 AM

CH

“ My condolences to the family. RIP Marci. Carolyn Watkins Herndon

Carolyn Herndon - December 01, 2020 at 09:47 AM

CF

“ Constance Funk lit a candle in memory of Marcella A. Merriman



Constance Funk - December 01, 2020 at 09:26 AM

ME

“ My condolences to the entire family and her many friends. What a celebration for a wonderful life well lived. May God comfort you all through these difficult days of sorrow and may precious memories fill your heart for all your days.  
-Melanie Thompson Walantyn Zeiger

Melanie - December 01, 2020 at 08:49 AM

TK

“ Terri White Kenneman lit a candle in memory of Marcella A. Merriman



Terri White Kenneman - December 01, 2020 at 06:38 AM

KN

“ *Bill and I are sorry to hear about your loss she sounds like a amazing women our condolences to you and your family.*  
*Bill and Kris Newnum*



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**kris newnum** - November 30, 2020 at 07:50 PM