



Nellie Brink

September 15, 1943 - October 7, 2023

Nellie Brink, age 80, of Bangor passed away quietly in her sleep on October 7, 2023. She was born on September 15, 1943, in Nauvoo, Alabama, the daughter of John Patrick and Annie Niece (Harbin) Darty.

She helped her mother with canning, gardening, and picking cotton as a child. She later moved to Bangor, MI, with her parents. She married young and lived with her in-laws in Auburndale, FL, where she and her first husband picked fruit for a living. Together with family, she traveled back and forth from Florida to Michigan until finally settling in Fennville, MI, where she raised her children. She later married her husband, Allen Brink, and they have been married for 28 years. Together, they enjoyed fishing and traveling. She spent her later years in Grand Haven, MI.

She worked many years at General Electric in Holland, MI, and was active in Rotor Staterettes and community service. Following the closing of General Electric, she worked at Bohn Aluminum and then at Life Savers in Holland, MI. She stayed at Life Savers until the factory moved out of the country.

Throughout her life, she was involved in Community service programs that helped others obtain food, clothing, and shelter.

She has traveled to many US states and enjoyed trips to Hawaii, the Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls, Washington DC, and Las Vegas. She loved flowers, gardening, canning, cooking, dancing, and, in the past couple of years, took up diamond dot painting. As far as cooking goes, there was nothing she could

not make. She was famous for her potato salad, fried chicken, fried fish, hush puppies, and fudge.

Surviving is her husband, Allen Brink. Her seven children Melvina (Randall) Green of Venice, FL; Debra (Terry) Francik of Grand Junction, MI, Melvin (Tracey) Warnock of Otsego, MI, Kevin Warnock of Grand Haven, MI, son-in-law John DeJonge of Fennville, Larry Brink of Covert, MI, Tina Brink of Bangor MI, Angela (Bobby) Godgiben of Hartford, MI, 24 grand kids, 46 great grandkids, 2 great great grandkids and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, first husband Melvin Warnock, oldest daughter Patricia DeJonge; sisters Alada Schnake, Virgie Lawson, Betty Obidzinski, and brother Virgil (Buddy) Darty; and many in-laws and family friends.

The family will meet friends from 11-12 on October 14, 2023, where a celebration of life for Nellie will follow at 12 p.m. at the Bangor Chapel, D.L. Miller Funeral Home. Interment will be at McDowell Cemetery immediately following her service. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Corewell Spectrum Health Hospice in her memory.

Cemetery Details

McDowell Cemetery

107th Ave at Bluestar Hwy.
South Haven, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel
258 West Monroe Street
Bangor, MI

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

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Virgie Ann Obidzinski - October 13, 2023 at 10:22 PM

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Virgie Ann Obidzinski - October 13, 2023 at 10:09 PM

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My Aunties and Uncle, all back home again in total peace. 💖

Virgie Ann Obidzinski - October 13, 2023 at 10:12 PM

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(My Mom and Dad too)

Virgie Ann Obidzinski - October 13, 2023 at 10:19 PM



“ Rest in Peace Auntie Ruthie 🙏 I will always remember your hugs every time we met!

Virgie Ann Obidzinski - October 12, 2023 at 09:40 PM



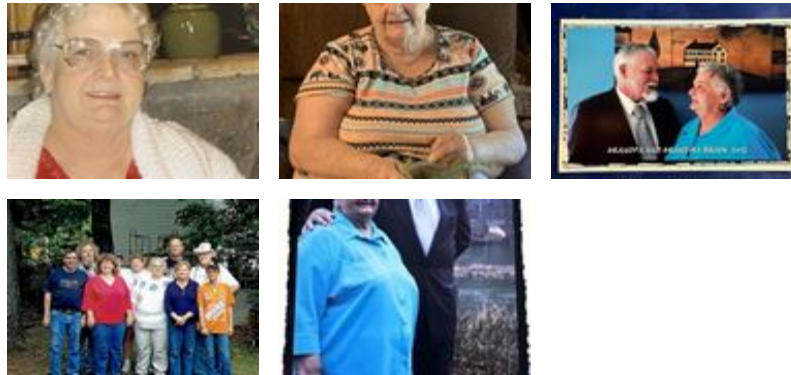
“ Virgie Ann Obidzinski lit a candle in memory of Nellie Brink



Virgie Ann Obidzinski - October 12, 2023 at 09:35 PM



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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nellie Brink.



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“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Nellie Brink.*



October 10, 2023 at 04:29 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to Alan and Kevin and family at the difficult time*
The Albin Barrington Family

Lana - October 10, 2023 at 03:28 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nellie Brink.*



October 10, 2023 at 10:25 AM



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