



Mary Ellen Mageski

January 28, 1951 - March 4, 2018

CROSWELL- Mary Ellen C. Mageski, 67, of Croswell, Michigan died March 4, 2018 at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

She was born on January 28, 1951 in Detroit, Michigan the daughter of James C. and Signe (Nelson) Cameron. She grew up in Manistque, Michigan, and was a graduate of Central Michigan University. Mary Ellen met her husband, Harold "Harry", at CMU. They married on July 20, 1974 at Zion Lutheran Church in Manistque. They made their home in Croswell, and were both public school educators.

She was the librarian at Peck Community Schools for 35 years. Upon retirement, she enjoyed working part-time at the Aitken Memorial Library in Croswell. An avid reader, she often read two books a day. Mary Ellen was an excellent seamstress, having made several dresses for others in her wedding party, her own wedding dress, and her daughter's wedding dress. She assisted with wardrobe for many years for Cros-Lex Middle School plays after her children graduated. She loved traveling with her husband and friends, both throughout the United States and in foreign countries. She especially loved Civil War sites, and traveling Route 66 on several occasions. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Brown City, and sang in the choir there. Hobbies included; traveling, spending time at Gulliver Lake in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and most importantly spending time with her family and friends.

Mary Ellen is survived by her husband, Harold "Harry" Mageski of Croswell;

son, Carl Mageski of Ypsilanti; daughter, Emily, son in law Andrew and granddaughter, Ivy Papa of Farmington; brother, James; sister in law Jil, and nephew, Dan Cameron of Whitehall; along with several brother in laws, sister in laws, cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Carlton Cameron; an infant daughter, Karen Margaret Mageski; her aunt, Margaret (Nelson) Larsen and her mother, Signe (Nelson) Cameron.

A celebration of Mary Ellen's life will be held at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Brown City on Saturday, March 31, 2018. Visitation with the family will begin at 10 A.M. with services to begin at 11 A.M.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Brown City Food Bank, Trinity Lutheran Church Endowment Fund, or the Aitken Memorial Library in Croswell.

Previous Events

Service

MAR 31. 10:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
7029 Cade Rd
Brown City, MI 48416
(810) 346-2151

Tribute Wall

BD

“ Harry and family : kathy and I are so sorry to hear of Mary Ellen's passing. May the angels lift her up and peace be with you and your family

Bob and Kathy duBois

Bob duBois - March 11, 2018 at 09:38 PM

GR

“ We were shocked at the news of Mary Ellen's passing and send our thoughts and prayers to all her family and friends. Harry and I were roommates at CMU and I was in their wedding 43 years ago. Barb and I have kept up with their wonderful growing family over the years. Sincerely, Gary and Barb Rhoades

Gary and Barb Rhoades - March 08, 2018 at 10:40 PM

AB

“ A loving wife, Mom, and Grandma. She wil be missed by family and friends. Peace be with you all. 🙏🙏🙏 Norm & Alleida Bringard

Alleida Bringard - March 08, 2018 at 08:28 PM

WG

“ What a beautiful tribute to a beautiful woman. God bless you all during this time. Mary Ellen will truly be long remembered.

Wendy Godinez - March 08, 2018 at 07:50 PM

RP

“ Just stunned. I married into her "tribe" and she was one of the best members. Loved her smile and free flowing love. Larry said, "this really takes the wind out of my sails". I agree . She was a warm, solid wind for her fellow humans wings

Rebecca Peterson - March 08, 2018 at 04:19 PM

CM

“ So sad to see this! Our daughters danced together for years, and I worked/taught with Harold for years at Crowell-Lexington High School. Mary Ellen was always so friendly and had a smile on her face! Thinking of the entire Mageski family with sadness.

Colleen Maki - March 08, 2018 at 01:50 PM

KT

“ I was a classmate of Mary Ellen's...high school 1969. Will always remember her smile and kindness....and playing that sax in band. I wish peace and love in your hearts. Hug the memories.

Kathy Tennyson - March 07, 2018 at 05:06 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Mageski.



March 06, 2018 at 12:37 PM

SP

“ Mary Ellen and I were great friends, I met both Harry and Mary Ellen, at Trinity Lutheran Church..... Years ago, I found an old silver bracelet while metal detecting in a lake in Michigan, and I decided to give her this bracelet, which, coincidentally, had the name "Mary Ellen" engraved in old time flowing script on the face. We were attending Trinity Lutheran Church in Brown City, Michigan, at the time. When I gave her this bracelet, she said, LOUDLY, "YOU FOUND THIS WITH MY NAME ON IT, AND YOU ARE GIVING IT TO MEEEEEE??? OOOOOH, THANK YOU SOOOOO MUCH!!!", and she showed everybody at Church that Sunday morning her bracelet, saying "Steve found this, with my name on it, and he gave it to me, ISN'T THIS SOMETHING???".....Next time I seen it, she'd had it taken to a jeweler's that made it look like new, I believe he said it was a Victorian era piece.....A couple years ago. I asked her husband Harry if she still wore that bracelet, he said "She officially retired that bracelet to her jewelry box that holds her most precious things", I'm glad I made her day....GOOD NIGHT, MARY ELLEN, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, AMEN, AND PEACE BE WITH YOU, HARRY, and all her family and friends, GOD LOVES YOU!!!

Steve Phelps - March 06, 2018 at 12:24 PM

EW

“ Mary Ellen was a long time friend and former coworker with my husband Larry. We have many great memories of her from traveling with her and Harry to New Orleans to vacations with them in the Upper Peninsula to card games in their home. She was always a wonderful caring person. She was a great Librarian who actually read every book in her library. She made a difference in the lives of those that knew her from her family to her friends and of course her students. The world has lost a wonderful woman, and she will be missed by many. May God grant her peace in heaven now for what she did for others.

Larry and Elaine Witters

Elaine Witters - March 05, 2018 at 08:07 PM

TB

“ *She was always nothing but kind. As a student at Peck, she would help me find books based on topics I was looking for and knew the power of reading would help us succeed. Every time I pick up a book to read, I'm taken back to childhood, and I have to accredit her as one of the major motivators in my journey on loving books.*

Tyler Bradley - March 05, 2018 at 06:50 PM

JK

“ *Dear family,
I have wonderful memories of MEM, so many laughs, so many smiles. I will hold all of you up in prayer.*

Janine Kredell - March 05, 2018 at 06:45 PM

LC

“ *So very sorry to hear of Mary Ellen's passing. So many memories of all the years we've known you all. We're certainly thinking of you and pray for God will wrap you all in his loving arms. Ron & Loris Colton*

Lori's Colton - March 05, 2018 at 06:10 PM

JL

“ *Harry, Karl, and Emily,
I am so very sorry at the loss of Mary Ellen. I pray that God will watch over you during this difficult time. Love & prayers.
Norm & Jayne Lefler*

Jayne Lefler - March 05, 2018 at 05:56 PM

AG

“ *Mrs. Mageski was a nice lady and great librarian. She definitely made my time in Peck schools much more bearable and I will always appreciate her for that. My condolences to her family and friends.*

Amber Gingiloski - March 05, 2018 at 01:47 PM