



Eloise E. Lund

November 6, 1915 - December 19, 2017

Our dear Eloise Lund is gone. We hope she's flying among the stars, which always fascinated her. And just maybe she's learning "what comes next" in life's journey, always a curiosity for her.

An incredible woman who lived an incredible life that spanned a century, Eloise was born in Muskegon, Michigan, to truck farmer Otto and milliner Lena. Over her lifetime Eloise experienced stunning change from horse-drawn wagons to drones. A tomboy at heart, she had fond memories of playing with her brother and cousins, the black bloomers her mother insisted she wear peeping out from beneath her dress as she raced across fields, climbed trees, picked wild strawberries, chewed the tender sassafras, and smelled the sweet earth in her dad's greenhouse.

An idyllic childhood was marred by the deaths of one brother, two sisters, and her mother by the time Eloise was ten.

Graduating from high school at age sixteen, Eloise accepted her first teaching job at a one-room school in Muskegon and went on to be named Teacher of the Year in the Midland School System.

Never afraid of anything, Eloise swam alone across Mona Lake in Muskegon when she was ten and rode an elephant in Thailand when she was 85. As a young bride, she successfully careened down a mountain road when the brakes failed on her car, and cared for a baby in a tent in the mountains of Idaho where husband Harry was posted by the Forest Service.

Family and friends will continue to benefit from Eloise's love of the outdoors and the MICHIGAN WILDFLOWER books she and Harry produced.

In spite of breaking her hip while in her 90s, she continued to live alone, with loving support from friends and family, where her heart was in the house she built on her beloved

river in the village of Leland.

Eloise lost Harry in 1998 and dear friend of fifteen years, Phil Pelky in 2015, brother Albert Eckerman in 2014 and sister Leona Vogt Burt in 2016. Survivors include daughter Pat Shaffer (Jim) of Hubbard Lake, MI; son David Lund (Sharon) of Traverse City, Michigan; grandchildren Heidi Shaffer, Joel Shaffer (Amy), Tony Lund (Tracey), Jon Lund (Kelli) and Chris Lund (Dawn); great grandchildren Raley (Shari), Ben (Eva), Curry, Cobe, Conner, Cameron, and Lauren Lund; Kailey, Reid, Ryan Shaffer, James Manning (Beth Ann); great great-grandchildren Halix and Bexlie Lund and Eloise and Violet Lund; special friends Judy Egeler and Jan (Pelky) Glassner, Sandy (Pelky)John, Ted and Don Pelky; dear Vogt and Eckerman nieces and nephews, and good neighbors, the David Verhougstraete family.

According to her wishes, Eloise was cremated and will be interred in the Leland Cemetery. Arrangements: Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. At a later date family and friends will celebrate her life at favorite gathering spot of many years, Fischer's Happy Hour Tavern.

Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with Eloise's family at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

Eloise always turned her face toward the sun. In her memory, her family and friends will do the same.

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Sharon Lund - December 27, 2017 at 09:18 PM



“ Eloise and Harry Lund...the best friends ever to my parents, Richard and Inza Schlueter. Eloise was funny, kind and had a huge heart. She made everyone around her more alive. Her smile and humanity will never be forgotten. Those memories are wonderful and here to stay. You made this world better!

Bob Schlueter - December 28, 2017 at 12:48 PM



“ Sharon Lund lit a candle in memory of Eloise E. Lund



Sharon Lund - December 27, 2017 at 09:16 PM



“ She was a sweet lady. Eloise and Harry use to live next to us on Wayne Hill. Russ and Sue Loomis and Julie. They had the most beautiful flower garden. I use to visit with them quite often as they worked in their yard. She was so active all the time. I am also sending wishes from my mom. She is 86 now. Dad passed 6 years ago and up until his passing, they still lived in the same house on Wayne Hill. Sending thoughts to your family, Eloise will be missed.

Julie Grumley

Julie E. Grumley - December 24, 2017 at 11:40 AM



“ Eloise Lund was a very special lady! She was my 4th grade teacher. I loved her! She gave me confidence that I didn't have. She made learning fun and every child felt as if they were special. I loved her so much that I wanted to become a teacher just like her and wanted to teach 4th grade just like she did the year I had her. I did end up teaching 4th grade for a number of years.... My husband and then children made yearly trips to Michigan from Kentucky to see relatives and of course Eloise and Harry Lund. My husband and our two children loved the two of them just as much as I did. I hadn't gotten up to Michigan in too long and wanted to, next summer, when my high school class in Midland will have our 50th reunion. I learned that her health was not good and got several of her relatives to keep me posted. They were so wonderful that they let me know as things progressed. I am so appreciative of them keeping me informed. It is with sadness that I had to realize that I wouldn't get to see her again. I know that she is in heaven with Harry, her husband. I plan on getting together with them one day when my earthly body says it is time. She was an amazing teacher and friend. I love you Eloise! We will see each other again.....

Sue Lanphierd Clark
Dave Clark
Shelley Clark
Ryan Clark

Sue Clark - December 20, 2017 at 10:25 PM



“ So many important life lessons I learned in fourth grade in Eloise Lund's classroom more than 55 years ago! She taught me that each child has something special to share. She fostered peer relationships, creativity, and respect as well as the 3 R's. She helped us learn about other countries and cultures and understand that each had value. She challenged each of us to push ourselves academically because with just a little more work, we would learn so much more. And she made it all exciting.

Those lessons have played a big role for me in parenting, in my profession. and in my every day engagement with the world. Thank you Mrs. Lund!

Pat Seiler

Patricia Seiler - December 20, 2017 at 09:16 PM