



Mari Lynn "Mel" Ellison

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Mari Lynn “Mel” Alyssa Ellison, age 35, passed away on August 10, 2024, with her loving and devoted husband, Jake, by her side. Mel was born on October 11, 1988, to Arthur and Ellen (Bauman) Cory, who both preceded her in death. On April 17, 2010, she married Jacob Ellison, and she loved the family that they built together. Mel attended Baker College and recently went back to GRCC to pursue a career with children. She worked as a paraprofessional at Kent City Elementary and absolutely loved all the children she came into contact with. They all knew her as “Miss Mel” and her heart was filled by the many big hugs they gave her, and she loved the cards and drawings that she received from them while in the hospital. Mel was such a giving and loving soul, to know her was to love her. She was fun-loving, feisty, enthusiastic, sometimes a bit sassy (that is what her family loved most about her), and her laughter was infectious. She loved the outdoors, soaking up the sun whenever she could. She especially loved the patio that her husband had built for her. She loved music and researching her family’s genealogy. Mel was always there for family and friends and would support them however she could, making it her mission to enrich and improve the lives of others. She was there for her many great nieces and great nephews by attending sporting events and dances, and also just to give life advice.

Mel was an incredibly devoted mother of two beautiful children, Charleigh and Evelyn, who she loved with all her heart. Mel lived her life for her children and was passionate about giving them and her husband the best life she could possibly give. She loved Charleigh’s devotion to sports, spending many days together on the softball field and basketball courts. She loved Evelyn’s creativity in being a princess and how she lights up the room with her smile. She was so excited to take them to Disney World in the fall with Jacob that she couldn’t keep it a surprise. She cherished her girls’ love for each other and was so proud of what they were already accomplishing in life.



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Mel will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Jacob Ellison; two beautiful children: Charleigh and Evelyn; three siblings: Shelly (Jerry) Klein, Cheryl (Phil) Alvesteffer, and Arthur (Sharon) Cory; eight nieces and nephews: Amber Gustinis, Chris Sandison, Hailey Sandison, Tyler Sandison, Vincent Alvesteffer, Olivia Alvesteffer, Adele Cory, and Heath Cory; eleven great nieces and great nephews: Paeten, Jayden, Ali, Hunter, Brenna, Krew, Gracyn, Jack, Maizey, Braxton, and Isodora; father in-law: Ron (Holly) Ellison; mother in-law: Melissa (Will) Semkiw; brother in-law, Zack Ellison; aunt, JoAnn Maguire; uncle, Leo Maguire; and several cousins and close friends.

A ROSARY will be prayed at 4:30 PM on Friday, August 16, 2024, at The Ravenna Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 3570 Thomas St, Ravenna, MI, 49451, with VISITATION to follow from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM. A FUNERAL SERVICE will be held on Saturday, August 17, at 11:00 AM at St. Catherine's Catholic Church, 12236 Heights Ravenna Rd, Ravenna, MI 49451, with visitation an hour prior. In lieu of flowers, please consider making memorial contributions towards her daughters' education funds (checks may be made out to Jacob Ellison, 14194 Red Pine Dr, Kent City, MI, 49330). Please sign the family's online guestbook and share memories with the family at sytsemaf.com



Events

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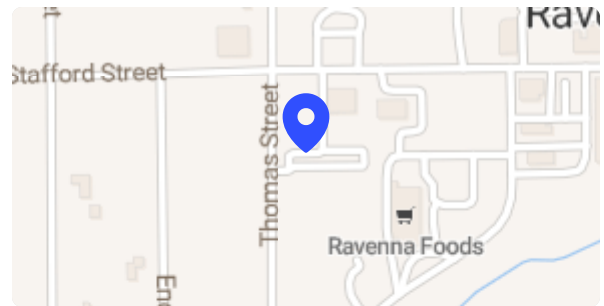
Rosary Service

Friday, August 16, 2024

4:30 PM ET

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Ravenna Chapel

3570 Thomas St., Ravenna MI 49451



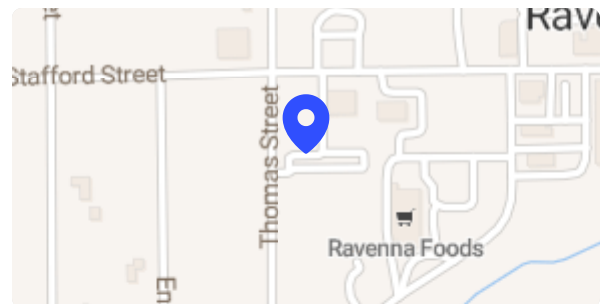
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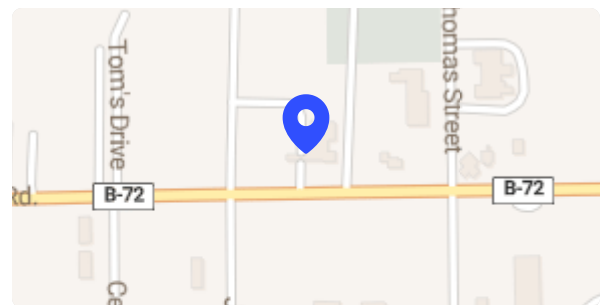
Funeral

Saturday, August 17, 2024

11:00 AM ET

St. Catherine Catholic Church

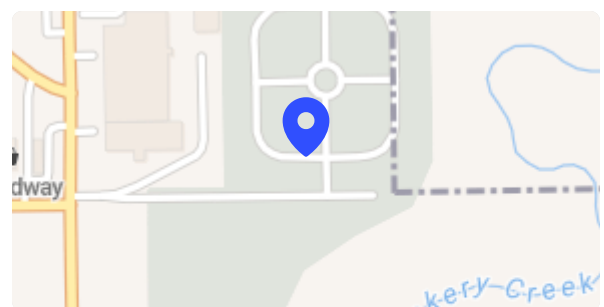
12236 Hts. Ravenna Road, Ravenna MI



Cemetery Details

Ravenna Cemetery
12484 Heights Ravenna Rd, Ravenna MI 49451

(231) 853-6205





Tribute Wall

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Jenna Rawson posted:

shes the best person I love her soooo much and she will forever be in my heart I love her 2 daughters I was a friend of charleighs and so was my little brother and we went to Michigan adventures with Mel a week before she first went to the hospital and it was my best memory of the summer, and I'm glad I got to have that last memory with her she was literally the funnest person to be around shes amazing.

September 5 at 9:00 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Ellison family.



August 15 at 5:32 AM



Gordon Food Service - Your Gts Team planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mari Lynn.



August 15 at 5:32 AM



Your Friends At Waltz-Holst sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Ellison family.



August 13 at 11:31 AM



Your Friends At Waltz-Holst planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mari Lynn.



August 13 at 11:31 AM



Love Your Foxy Hoxies sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Ellison family.



August 13 at 10:11 AM



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Roxie (Paepke) Carroll sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Ellison family.

August 13 at 10:10 AM



Roxie (Paepke) Carroll planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mari Lynn.

August 13 at 10:10 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Ellison family.

August 13 at 9:28 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Ellison family.

August 13 at 8:38 AM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Ellison family.

August 12 at 10:46 PM



Mark Miller planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mari Lynn.

August 12 at 10:46 PM





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Uncle Leo, Aunt Joann And Kim Maguire sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Ellison family.



August 12 at 9:17 PM



Uncle Leo, Aunt Joann And Kim Maguire planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mari Lynn.



August 12 at 9:17 PM



Karen Vanderwagen lit a candle in honor of Mari Lynn.



August 12 at 5:46 PM



Tammy Arbogast posted:

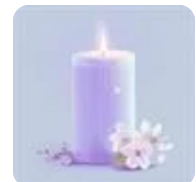
As her third grade teacher, she was a little one having already had so much happen to her. She was strong, funny, silly and as she grew up and became a mommy, she glowed! I am so sorry for the loss her family will have to endure. Just as she loved with all her heart tuck the love you have for her in the deepest part of your heart. My deepest condolences to her husband and children. Mrs. Tammy Arbogast

August 12 at 5:10 PM



Chadwick Groenke lit a candle in honor of Mari Lynn.

I remember talking to her and jake and how she wanted to be a mother so badly. We prayed that night for her to have a baby. she was pregnant the next month . glory to Gd. You will be missed Chadwick



August 12 at 4:45 PM



Anonymous sent a Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses to the Ellison family.



August 12 at 3:17 PM



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Ivana Klingenberg posted:

Oh the memories we had when you came and worked at the Stockyard! I remember when you first started dating Jake and all the things we'd talk about! Watching you go to prom, marry and become a family with Jake! You were more like a sister to me! It's been a couple years but we still stayed in contact after becoming moms and staying busy with sports. I'll miss you Mel, but your memories will live on forever with me! ❤️

August 12 at 3:09 PM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Ellison family.



August 12 at 1:51 PM

OA

Olivia Alvesteffer posted:

mac n cheese with cut-up hotdogs

August 12 at 1:31 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mari Lynn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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