



## Ellen Huizenga

August 15, 1934 - January 23, 2021

Mrs. M. Ellen Huizenga, age 86, was gently carried to heaven by her faithful Savior on January 23, 2021 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. She was born August 15, 1934 in Muskegon to Francis and Ruby (Frost) Cahill and was a lifelong resident. She was a 1952 graduate of Muskegon High School and maintained close friendships with her core group of classmates. She married John J. Huizenga on September 9, 1955 and they had four children. John preceded her in death in 2002 after 46 years of marriage. She was a long-time member of Allen Avenue Christian Reformed Church, where she loved singing in the choir and where she developed many long lasting and dear friendships. Ellen was a strong supporter of Muskegon Christian Grade School and Western Michigan Christian High School. Her last position was as the secretary at Muskegon Christian Grade School where she enjoyed working with students and staff. Ellen had a contagious laugh and loved her family dearly with her life revolving around them. She is survived by her four children: Lynn and Don Vanoostveen, and their children and grandchildren, Megan and Mark Buggia (Addison and Carson), Erin and Evan Woolford (Ellis), and Devon; David and Sue Huizenga, and their children and grandchildren, Bo Wenzel, Carly and Dan Swanda (Abigail and Maxwell); Patti and Kendall Steigenga, and their children and grandchildren, Jason and Jennifer Steigenga (Jackson), Tricia and Jake Fields; Jeff and Anne Huizenga, and their children, Alex, Austin and fiancé Allie Van Allen, and Katelyn. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Marva Jacobson as well as many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her three brothers, Jack, Richard and Brian Cahill and sister, Priscilla Thomas. Ellen's family is so very grateful for the loving care she received from the staff at Robbinswood Assisted Living Center over the last six years and Hospice of North Ottawa Community. A private family service will be held Friday, February 5, 2021. Burial will take place at Egelston Township Cemetery. Contributions in Ellen's memory may be made to [Muskegon Christian Grade School]<https://mchristianschool.com/donations/support-mcs/> or [Western Michigan Christian High School]<https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/WesternMichiganChristianSchool/annualfund.html>. Arrangements entrusted to The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444. Share memories with the family at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com).

# Cemetery

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## Egelston Township Cemetery

5762 E. Evanston Ave

Muskegon, MI, 49442

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services** - February 05 at 06:42 PM

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“ Hi Lynn and Don. I am sorry for your loss. Can you imagine if your mom and my mom were at a party in the same room? Their laughs would bring the house down. Best laughs at Allen Avenue.

Scott Grinwis

**Scott Grinwis** - February 04 at 12:52 PM

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“ We worked with John at American Coil Spring Co for many years. We spent time with John and Ellen over dinner in our homes and out to eat. We enjoyed Ellen's famous chocolate chip cookies. Very sorry for your loss.

Love and Prayers,

Bill and Joyce Ensign



**Pam Geiger** - January 28 at 11:09 AM

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“ I always loved seeing Aunt Ellen on our extended family Thanksgiving Days for so many years. Her laugh was infectious!! Rejoicing that she is at peace with our Lord and Savior.

**Karin Vredeveld Brown** - January 27 at 06:54 PM

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“ As former members of the Allen Avenue Church and Christian school families, Doug and I offer our sincere condolences to Lynn, Patti, Jeff, David and families.

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jean Vanderlaan - January 27 at 06:29 PM

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“ We send our sympathy to Lynn, David, Patti and Jeff, and all of your families at the loss of your mom. We always enjoyed your mom's sincere friendliness at Allen Avenue! May you be blessed with God's peace and comfort. Russ and Deb Vlasma

Russ and Deb Vlasma - January 27 at 05:51 PM

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“ I absolutely loved working with Ellen at Muskegon Christian School. She warmly welcomed and cared for the students, parents and staff. Ellen was an excellent secretary and kept meticulous records. As I recall, she didn't miss a day of work. Ellen could find humor in almost any situation even when I called her "marvelous Martha". I know her children and grandchildren were such a joy to her. You have our sympathy in her passing. Kay Slater

Kay Slater - January 27 at 02:42 PM

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“ Don And MaryAnn Scofield lit a candle in memory of Ellen Huizenga



Don and MaryAnn Scofield - January 26 at 10:21 PM