



## Etheleen "Lee" Breneman

July 19, 1931 - July 7, 2019

Breneman, Etheleen "Lee", July 7, 2019 age 87 of Wayne. Beloved wife of the late Darrell. Loving mother of Gary (Lois) Breneman. Proud grandmother of Tracy (Tim) Parrelly, Sarah (Kayle) Barnhart and Kathleen (Danny) Frantjeskos. Great grandmother of Timmy (Ehlana), Trent, Isabella Parrelly; Hailee Howard and Falon Barnhart; Ava, Holli, and Danny Frantjeskos. Great-great grandmother of Ellie Parrelly. Dear sister of Josephine Smith. Visitation Thursday 10 AM until the 1:30 PM Funeral Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill) Westland. Interment Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Myocarditis Foundation, 3518 Echo Mountain Drive, Kingwood, TX 77345. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

# Cemetery Details

## Parkview Memorial Cemetery

34205 Five Mile Road  
Livonia, MI 48154

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 11. 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland  
980 North Newburgh Road  
Westland, MI 48185  
(734) 326-1300  
[westland@vermeulenfh.com](mailto:westland@vermeulenfh.com)

## Funeral Service

JUL 11. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Etheleen "Lee" Breneman*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Happy 88th birthday grandma. I miss and love you* ❤️

**Tracy Parrelly** - July 19, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ *Grandma....one year ago today you passed away. We all miss you. You are at peace now & no longer in pain.* ❤️

**L.Breneman** - July 07, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ *Today it's been a whole year without you grandma. Hard to believe. I love you so much* ❤️

**Tracy Parrelly** - July 07, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ *Tracy Parrelly lit a candle in memory of Etheleen "Lee" Breneman*



**Tracy Parrelly** - May 10, 2020 at 10:12 PM

TP

“ Happy Mother’s Day Grandma. Today wasn’t the the same, not spending it with you. I love you so much.

Tracy Parrelly - May 10, 2020 at 10:11 PM

TP

“ Grandma, I miss you so much. Christmas will never be the same without you. You made every Christmas so special for everyone. I hope you knew how much I loved you. I miss my best friend.

Tracy Parrelly - December 03, 2019 at 11:13 AM

LB

I think about Gram every day...yes she loved the holidays. Gram made everything perfect, from the gifts she chose for everyone, the wrapping paper & ribbons for the packages. Not to mention the dinners that she made. You are right Tracy, Christmas & Thanksgiving will never be the same ❤️

Lois B - December 03, 2019 at 02:45 PM

LB

“ Sadly your sis Jo has passed away....Hard to believe that she is gone less than 3 months after your passing. You both are together again. ❤️

Lois Breneman - September 19, 2019 at 12:33 PM

LO

“ Two months have passed since you left. Still doesnt seem real. Is that you...the butterfly visits.

Lois - September 07, 2019 at 09:45 PM

TP

“ Thinking a lot about you today grams. It's been two months since you left. I love you. ❤️

tracy parrelly - September 07, 2019 at 08:17 PM

TP

“ Grandma I miss you so much. It still doesn't seem real you're not here anymore. I miss our grocery shopping days, having you over for dinner, playing cards, joking and laughing, I miss it all. I miss my best friend. You were always there for me. I love you forever ❤️

tracy parrelly - August 25, 2019 at 09:47 AM

TP

“ Tracy Parrelly lit a candle in memory of Etheleen "Lee" Breneman



tracy parrelly - August 21, 2019 at 09:26 AM

LB

“ One month already since you left, doesnt seem possible. Isabella is in the hospital again, I know you are keeping a special watch over her. Please give Tracy a sign that you are there ❤️



Lois Breneman - August 07, 2019 at 11:45 AM

TP

“ Grandma, it's been one month now without you. I miss you. Please watch over Isabella, she's very sick again, in the hospital. I love you.

tracy parrelly - August 07, 2019 at 08:29 AM

LB

“ Grama was to ill to attend Trents graduation, he made sure to come to her. They adored each other, she was so happy to see him wearing his cap & gown. ❤️



Lois Breneman - August 01, 2019 at 11:32 AM

TP

Thank you mom for sharing this. Trent sure did, and does love grandma. I remember every time he'd hug her she'd say, "you're my baby". They had a great relationship. When grandma was diagnosed, I sat down with Trent to tell him the news. He broke down in tears and said, "no, not grandma, she's too good". 🥺

tracy parrelly - August 01, 2019 at 11:58 AM

LB



Lois Breneman - August 06, 2019 at 10:26 AM

TP

“ Today is Isabella's 9th birthday. This is the first birthday that Isabella has ever had that grandma will not be here to help celebrate. Grandma, Isabella misses you. I miss you. This is so hard to accept. I love you grandma ❤️

tracy parrelly - July 30, 2019 at 04:36 PM

LB



Lois Breneman - August 01, 2019 at 11:44 AM

TP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



tracy parrelly - July 27, 2019 at 11:06 PM

TP

“ Grandma, I miss you. So many things remind me of you. You were such a big part of my life. It's hard to believe you're not here anymore. I hope you knew how important you were to me and my family. Isabella and I talk about you everyday. As you always said, "we're building memories", and we sure did. So many good memories. You were the absolute shining example of what a grandmother should be. I only hope I can be as good a grandma to Ellie, as you were to me. I love you forever❤️

tracy parrelly - July 27, 2019 at 10:56 PM

LB

Tracy youve spoken from your heart ❤️

Lois Breneman - July 28, 2019 at 01:27 AM

TP

“ Tracy Parrelly lit a candle in memory of Etheleen "Lee" Breneman



tracy parrelly - July 26, 2019 at 06:29 PM

LB

“ *Everytime I wake up, Mom B, you are on my mind. It doesnt seem real that you have passed.* ❤️🙏😭

Lois Breneman - July 23, 2019 at 01:34 PM

TP

“ *Thinking a lot about you today Grandma. I love you.*

tracy parrelly - July 22, 2019 at 04:27 PM

SB

“ *You have been on my mind all day. I wish you were here to snack, joke around and laugh while we play rummy half the night. Happy Birthday Grandma* ♥

Sarah Barnhart - July 19, 2019 at 09:23 PM

LB

“ *Today would have been your 88th birthday, Wish you were here so we could celebrate. We will in spirit & reminisce with good memories. Rest in peace lovely lady* ❤️🙏

Lois Breneman - July 19, 2019 at 12:51 PM

TP

“ *Happy Birthday Grandma. Today is especially hard. I always tried to make your birthday special for you. As you made all our birthdays special for us. You had the biggest heart. Today Isabella and I will have some birthday cake (chocolate with white frosting your favorite), and watch the Golden Girls. Our tradition. I love you Grandma, forever and always.*

tracy parrelly - July 19, 2019 at 08:58 AM

TP

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



tracy parrelly - July 18, 2019 at 04:25 PM

TP

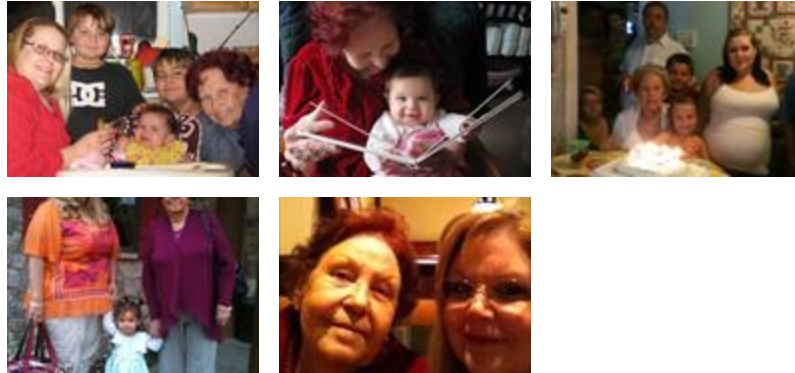
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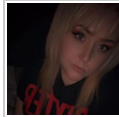
tracy parrelly - July 18, 2019 at 04:03 PM

TP

“ 20 files added to the tribute wall



tracy parrelly - July 18, 2019 at 03:51 PM



*My grandma Breneman. Not having you here anymore hurts so much. You meant so much to me and you always will. Happy birthday my angel. I love you. Please give my sister Tracy a sign that you are with her. We love you so much ❤️*

Kathleen Frantjeskos - July 19, 2019 at 01:33 AM

TP

“ *Grandma, not an hour goes by that I don't think about you. I miss you. I want to pick up my phone and call you. I keep listening to old voicemails you've left me so I can hear your voice. I love you*

tracy parrelly - July 16, 2019 at 06:12 PM

TP

“ Grandma, it’s been 7 days now since we lost you. I want to hug you, hear your voice, and tell you how much you mean to me. Our family will never be the same without you. Isabella and the boys miss you and love you so very much. I sit on my deck and stare at the huge white hydrangea you helped me plant. You sure had a love for flowers. You taught me a lot about gardening. You taught me a lot about life and how to love. I miss you so much.

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**Tracy Parrelly** - July 14, 2019 at 11:56 AM

CR

“ Miss Etheleen was a beautiful woman, and I was blessed to know her for a few years at Harvest Christian Center, She was always cheerful and greeted everyone with a loving smile, She presented me with a few gifts of jewelry, she knew I like to sparkle as she did, She spoke many times about her being a Red Hat Lady, She always found a way to make our Christmas parties at church really colorful and bright, she was surely missed when she had to move, I kept in touch with her, and we would talk for hours it seemed like, Rest in Peace my beautiful friend, Heart felt condolences to the family, she loved you all so much and spoke of you often, In Loving Memory of Miss Etheleen as I called her, God Bless.

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**Carol Ryan** - July 12, 2019 at 07:12 PM


TP

Thank you for the beautiful words Carol ❤️

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**tracy parrelly** - July 12, 2019 at 08:09 PM


TP

“ I want to thank everyone who came to the funeral home, sent flowers, condolences or just words of comfort for me and my family. My Grandma had a beautiful service, I think she would have been pleased how nice everything was. She looked beautiful and peaceful. Grandma was a wonderful person. A Heart of gold and would do anything for those she loved. I know in my heart she is in Gods arms in heaven. She's no longer hurting and she can see again. She's free from earthly burdens, and she's celebrating with her family members that have passed on before her. I take comfort in this. Grandma will never ever be forgotten, as she made an enormous impact on all that loved her. I will stop here, as I could go on and on about my grandma. Fly high and sing sweetly Grandma 

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**Tracy Parrelly** - July 12, 2019 at 12:24 PM

LB

Everyone that came to her service are the people that truly loved her in life. 

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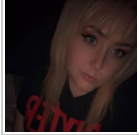
**Lois breneman** - July 16, 2019 at 03:55 PM

TP

Grandma knew who loved her, we were by her side every step of the way. As she, always stood by us.

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**tracy parrelly** - July 17, 2019 at 03:43 PM



“ My dear grandma Breneman. I am so thankful I was given you to be my grandma. There aren't enough words to explain what you meant to me and what you will always mean to me. Most of my best memories from when I was little are ones with you. You always had a way to make me feel special. I still remember my Mickey mouse fork that you would give me with dinner just because it made me feel special. Things like that will always make me smile when I think about you. Shopping, laughing, I remember laying in your recliner chair with you watching the golden girls or wheel of fortune while you tickled my arms. Our nights of staying up until 3 or 4am playing cards and snacking until I would have to say "after this game I need to lay down grandma!". Laying in bed watching TV and you would always put your cold feet on me and say "im freezing!". Nothing will ever be the same without you grandma, but I will forever cherish all of our memories. Not only were you a wonderful grandma to myself and my sister's, you were also the best great grandmother to all of our children. I will forever tell them stories about you and keep your memory alive. I love you so so much grandma and I already miss you terribly 💔

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**Kathleen Frantjeskos** - July 12, 2019 at 01:52 AM

TP

Beautiful ❤️

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**Tracy Parrelly** - July 12, 2019 at 12:21 PM

SB

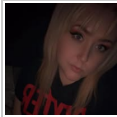
“ I dont even know where to start? My Grandma was such a fun Grandma. She created sooo many perfect memories for myself and my sister's. Spending weeks at a time over summer breaks. Shop till we dropped (she could out shop anyone)! Swimming and hanging out in Northville. Her delicious cooking and cracking jokes while playing rummy into the wee hours every night. She made everthing we did fun and exciting. Every Birthday when I was in grade school she would make huge extravagant beautifully decorated cupcakes for me to share with my class. I was always sooo proud to tell My friends that My Grandma made them. She was so talented. She had a passion for beautiful flowers, fancy clothes and shoes. She always looked like a classy lady. A book would have to be written to even begin to describe all the qualities my Grandma posessed. I will miss her forever. I love you Grandma

Sarah Barnhart - July 10, 2019 at 05:15 PM

TP

Beautiful Sarah ❤️

Tracy Parrelly - July 10, 2019 at 11:29 PM



Kathleen Frantjeskos - July 12, 2019 at 01:53 AM

LB

“ My Mom B, my mother in law of 46 years. I could say a million things about her. She had a heart of gold. Always eager to help with any celebration, holidays or birthdays. She loved to make & decorate beautiful cakes. From crafting to flower arranging there wasnt anything she couldnt do to perfection. Wrapping Christmas & birthday gifts were something special, every one was a work of art. Her great love of family, the way she made each one of us feel like we meant the world to her. She will be missed dearly, we have so many good memories. I couldnt have asked for a better Mother in law & Grandmother to my daughters & grandchildren. Thank you Mom B for the wonderful memories. I love you ❤️🙏

Lois Breneman - July 10, 2019 at 02:07 PM

TP

Well said ❤️

Tracy Parrelly - July 10, 2019 at 11:31 PM

JL

“ Josephine, Larry & Lida purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Etheleen "Lee" Breneman.



Josephine, Larry & Lida - July 09, 2019 at 04:57 PM

TP

“ Grandma, I love you so much. I will miss you terribly, but I know you are now at peace and no longer hurting. Although this is a hard time for me, I know you will always be with me, in my memories and my heart. You are my best friend, and the best grandmother I could have ever asked for. I love you for ever and ever my sweet grandma. Love always, Tracy

Tracy Parrelly - July 08, 2019 at 05:42 PM