



## Edith R. Bailey

February 24, 1937 - October 27, 2024

Edith R. Bailey, (known as Edie), age 87 of Holly, Michigan passed away peacefully at home on October 27, 2024. Edie was the last survivor of her family. Edie was born Feb. 24, 1937 in Holly to Roy and Ruth Ann (Tripp) Merrill. Edie married Russell J. Bailey at age 16 on Dec. 11, 1953. They were married 67 years, till his passing. Together they built their forever home starting with digging the basement with shovels. They went on to have 4 children and Edie was a very proud stay at home mom. She loved to bake and cook for her family and keeping a spotless house enjoying every chore. She loved summer with planting vegetable gardens, flower gardens and canning everything she grew. She would sit outside in a chair watching for moles to scoop them out of her yard so they would stop destroying her lawn. If she decided she didn't like where a wall was in the house, she did not have a problem swinging a sledge hammer to remove it! She would go out and play baseball and even football with her children, even getting water on the knee playing sports with her boys, but that didn't stop her. She made every holiday special. Christmas was one of her favorite holidays to decorate for. Every corner and wall had a decoration on display. Once her 4 children were grown she loved taking care of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Edie loved to feed the birds watching them all and she loved teaching the kids about them too. Another favorite pass time was watching Gunsmoke and the Rifleman. Edie was a lifetime member of Chapter 854 Holly Women of the Moose. She loved to cook Friday night specials and waitress the supper hour.

She helped put on many funeral dinners. Edie leaves behind to cherish her memory, 3 children, Russell Bailey, Lois Badder and Martene Bailey all of Holly; 12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild, 1 brother-in-law Robert Bailey of TN, and many nieces and nephews. The family wishes to thank Diane (a.k.a. Elfie) for the love and visits every 2 weeks for the past 2 years. She looked forward to the visits, meals, and treats. Edie was preceded in death by her husband Russell J. Bailey, her son Steve Bailey, daughter-in-law Bonnie Bailey, son-in-law Gregory Badder, 5 sisters and 3 brothers. Visitation will be at Dryer Funeral Home, Holly, Fri., Nov. 1, 2024 from 10 AM – 1 PM with funeral services at 1 PM followed by a burial at Lakeside Cemetery in Holly. Memorial contributions can be made to the family of Edie Bailey. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Lakeside Cemetery

Holly, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 1. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home  
101 First St.  
Holly, MI 48442  
<http://dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

## Funeral Service

NOV 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Edith R. Bailey*



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**Dryer Funeral Home, Inc.** - November 02, 2024 at 04:47 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edith R. Bailey.*



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October 31, 2024 at 03:31 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edith R. Bailey.*

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October 31, 2024 at 03:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edith R. Bailey.*



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October 30, 2024 at 10:43 PM

AF

“ Amber, Amanda, and families. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Edith R. Bailey.



Amber, Amanda, and families. - October 30, 2024 at 09:17 PM

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Amber, Amanda, and families. - October 30, 2024 at 09:17 PM



“ 27 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - October 30, 2024 at 11:07 AM

MB

“ *Martene Bailey lit a candle in memory of Edith Bailey*



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**Martene Bailey** - October 30, 2024 at 08:13 AM

MA

“ *My deepest condolences to Martene, Rusty, Lois and your families for the loss of your dear Mother Mrs. Edith R Bailey. Sending you all much love and strength in these given days. Your Mother was a sweet lady. I saw her more often when my Mother moved to Park Avenue, just down the street.*



*Peace to your Mother and all* 💜🙏💜

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**Marti Adds** - October 30, 2024 at 03:08 AM

DD

“ *I'm so very sorry for your family's loss. Sending hugs and love to you all.*



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**Diana Davis** - October 29, 2024 at 05:52 PM

JR

“ *Judy Roeder lit a candle in memory of Edith R. Bailey*



Judy Roeder - October 29, 2024 at 03:20 PM

SS

“ *She was a sweet lady loved having her family*  
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Sally Stotler - October 29, 2024 at 12:52 PM

SD

“ *One of my earliest memories of grandma, I was 5ish, and I loved spending the night with her. I would always give her pedicures, rubbing lotion on her feet and painting her toe nails!!! She always told me they looked great, even when they didnt!!!*

Stephanie DeGeer - October 28, 2024 at 07:31 PM

RE

*Yup!!! She always loved her toes when we were done no matter what!!*  
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renee - November 01, 2024 at 08:16 AM