



# **Florence Ann Bakale**

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**F**lorence Ann Bakale, age 90, of Grand Haven passed away Friday, August 30, 2013 at her home. She was born April 6, 1923 in West Olive to Peter and Anna (Bacic) Kelava, and she was married to George William Bakale, Sr. on September 29, 1944 in Grand Haven. He preceded her in death in 1987.

Florence was an active homemaker all her life. She was a member of the Fruitport Bethel Baptist Church, she volunteered for International Aid making over 100,000 pill envelopes for the missionaries out in the field around the world. She enjoyed camping, gardening, crocheting, decorating cakes and baking in general. Most of all Florence enjoyed her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and family. She was especially devoted to her son, George.

Florence is lovingly remembered by her 5 daughters: Susan (Mark) Mueller of Ferrysburg, Mary Myers of Grand Haven, JoAnn Skruch of Whitefish Bay, WI, Rose (Bill) Stone of Fruitport, Julie (Scott) Louis of Homestead, FL; 2 sons, George W. Bakale, Jr. of Grand Haven and Christopher (Bonnie) Bakale of Spring Lake; 19 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Evelyn Klukos of Agnew, MI. She was preceded in death by her husband, George; 3 brothers: Frank, Peter and John Kelava; and son-in-law, Thomas Skruch.

A Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home in Grand Haven with Rev. Steve Worth officiating. Friends may meet the family from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home in Grand Haven. Interment will be in Lake Forest Cemetery. Memorials in memory of Florence may be given to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at [www.vbkfuneralhome.com](http://www.vbkfuneralhome.com).



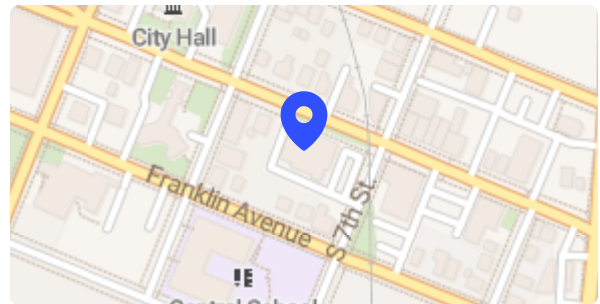
# Events

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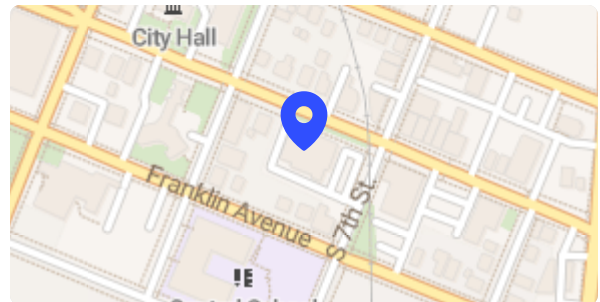
## Visitation

- Tuesday**, September 3, 2013
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
- VBK Grand Haven Chapel**  
620 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven MI



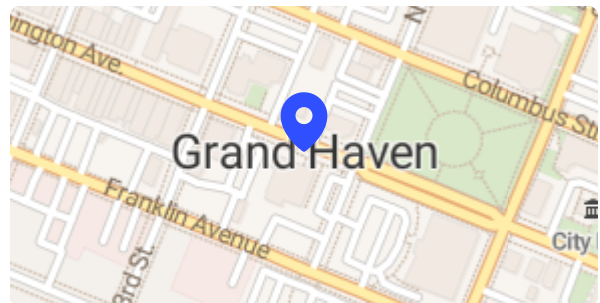
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## Cemetery Details

- Lake Forest Cemetery**  
Grand Haven MI 49417





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AB

**Alice Bakale** posted:

Dear Cousins, Please accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of your dear Mother, and Grandmother. We will always fondly remember Aunt Florence as a warm, welcoming, generous and kind Aunt. Larry and I were among those that enjoyed delicious cookies or cake or freshly baked banana bread, etc around the kitchen table. She always made us feel welcome. She was a blessing to every life she touched, and we were blessed to be able to call her Aunt. Hugs, Alice and Larry

September 10 at 6:55 PM

BB

**Bonnie Bramer** posted:

Mary - I have had no way to get in touch with you over the years when I come home to visit. My condolences to you and your family. I hope you are well. I can always be reached through my sister (Barb Bekins) if you would like to get back in touch. Sent with love Bonnie (Purcell) Bramer

September 4 at 11:09 AM

ML

**Mike & Valda Lock** posted:

Many memories will be revisited for many years, this is life. With my deepest sympathy and prayers for you family at this time and the time to come when you miss her most and wish you be with her one more time. Mike & Valda Lock

September 4 at 2:46 AM

LO

**Lorraine Ochsner** posted:

Our prayers and deepest sympathy are with you all at this difficult time. Evelyn, our donation to the American Heart Association should come to your home. Our plans were to attend the funeral and visit in person, but we had car problems this Monday, and can only get as far as we can walk for a couple days. Our thoughts are with you, remembering many wonderful memories. God Bless. Lorraine & Al Ochsner

September 3 at 7:08 AM

DV

**Deb Vanderstelt** posted:

Rose, My Sympathy to you and your family in the loss of your mother. Deb VanderStelt

September 3 at 6:53 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Bakale family.



September 3 at 3:58 AM



**Helen Polak** September 10 at 3:17 AM

My deepest sympathy to your family, Florence was a special lady. You are in my thoughts & prayers. Helen (Blaney) Polak.



**Patricia Fritz** posted:

Dear Family of Aunt Florence, We were so sorry to learn of the passing of your mother and grandmother. Aunt Florence was a truly lovely person. I have so many fond memories of time spent at your home while we were growing up. I always loved talking to my Aunt Florence while she made polichinkas and other delicious traditional foods. She was such a busy lady, but somehow managed to find a few moments to share a story or just say a kind word. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Pat and Bill Fritz

September 1 at 6:08 PM



**Jeanne Bakale** lit a candle in honor of Florence.

Dear Family of Florence, We are so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and with her friends. My dad, Joseph Bakale, was an older brother to George Bakale (my Uncle George). It was always fun when the families got together. Love, Jeanne Bakale and Roger Dye



August 30 at 5:27 PM



**Bev Kuizema** posted:

We were just notified by Bob Kelava of your mother's passing. Please accept our sincere sympathy. Florence was one of the sweetest and kindest ladies I ever knew. I'll always remember going with my mom to your mom's house and visiting. She always had something good for us to eat with our coffee. She was such a good friend to my mom for many years--when they were single and did housework together and then with their sewing club after they were married. Those are some of the good memories I often think of. May your memories bring you comfort. Love, Bev and Sid Kuizema, North Fort Myers, FL

August 30 at 1:11 PM



# **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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