



# **Mrs. Alida Hower**

JUL 31, 1921 - MAR 13, 2014



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**M**rs. Alida Hower, 92, passed into the arms of Jesus Thursday morning, March 13, 2014. Born July 31, 1921, she was a life resident of Muskegon. The former Alida Koster married LeRoy Hower on April 23, 1945 in Muskegon, and he died December 5, 1993. Alida had been employed as a clerk at Bignal Dental Supply before retiring in 1981, and had been a lifetime member of First Christian Reformed Church and its Ladies Aide Society, and had been active in TOPS for many years. HER SURVIVORS include her children: Robert (Sandra) Hower of Hudsonville, Ronald (Julie) Hower of Muskegon, Russell (Mickey) Hower of Jenison, Ruth (Steven) Boomer of Muskegon, and Ronda (Brian) Bonebrake of Whitehall; 12 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Gertrude Iverson of Port Charlotte, FL. She was also preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters. She will be remembered for her baking, knitting, card playing and socializing. Alida loved her God and lived her faith. THE FUNERAL SERVICE for Alida will be 1:00 p.m. Monday, March 17, 2014 at Fruitland Evangelical Covenant Church (4283 N. Weber Rd.) with Rev. Ecko DeVries officiating and interment in Sunrise Memorial Gardens. VISITATION will be Sunday, March 16, 2014 from 5 to 8 p.m. at The Sytsema Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc., 737 Apple Avenue, Muskegon, MI 49442, phone 231-726-5210, and one hour prior to the service Monday at the church. MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS to Muskegon Christian School or Christian Care would be appreciated.



## Events

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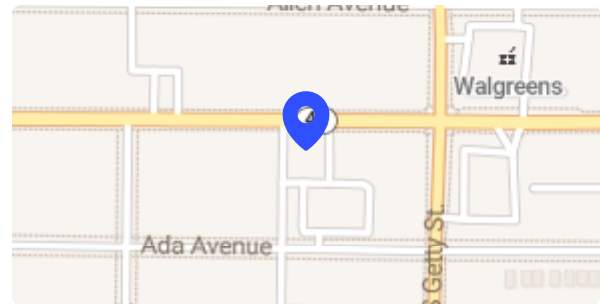
### Visitation

 **Sunday**, March 16, 2014

 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET


 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Sytsema Chapel**

737 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon MI 49442



### Visitation

 **Monday**, March 17, 2014

 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET


 **Fruitland Covenant Church**

4283 Weber Road, Whitehall MI



### Funeral Service

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 1:00 PM ET

 **Fruitland Covenant Church**

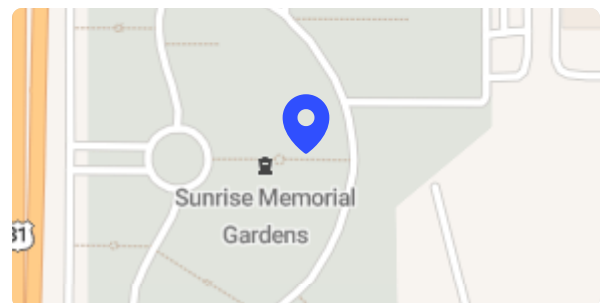
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### Cemetery Details

 **Sunrise Memorial Gardens**

2188 Remembrance Dr., Muskegon MI 49442





## Tribute Wall

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NW

**N Williams** posted:

I am truly sorry for your loss. Death is an enemy, causing much pain and sorrow to loved ones. It is my hope that this family is able to find comfort from the bible's message of hope. (John 5:28, 29; Revelation 21:3-5)

March 20 at 5:17 PM

SW

**Stephanie Wyman** posted:

Playing cards at the cottage, eating Sunday dinner, swimming in the lake, and listening to the game. I didn't get to spend as much time with this beautiful and wonderful lady like everyone else, but my time with her and my grandma are forever in my memories. She was a so funny and kind and always made me feel welcome.

March 17 at 7:14 AM

HM

**Heidi Russell (Muston)** posted:

Ruth & Rhonda, May God wrap his loving arms around you at this time and give you peace. Keeping you in my prayers.

March 17 at 5:51 AM

HM

**Heidi Russell (Muston)** lit a candle in honor of Alida.



March 17 at 5:26 AM

RV

**Rochelle Vaandering** posted:

Ruth, Ronda, and family: So sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. She was a special woman, so loving and caring. We are grateful to have had the honor to know her. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Casey & Shelley Vaandering

March 17 at 5:11 AM



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DO

**Doug** posted:

Dear Hower Family, Prayers to all of you. Your Mother was a wonderful lady. Her reward is now in Heaven. Jean and Doug Vanderlaan

March 16 at 3:16 PM

SC

**Susan Clark** posted:

Picked Alida and Ruthie up at the airport in FL for many years, and took Alida to her sister's. Was a privilege to be able to help in this manner, I know she enjoyed being at her sisters and in Florida.....sending love and prayers to the family. Ron & Sue Clark

March 16 at 8:37 AM

LA

**Lee Adams** posted:

Bob, Sandy and Family....So sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. I know she was such an important part of your lives.

March 16 at 5:09 AM

DT

**Don & Elsie Tanis** posted:

So many good and happy memories of Alida. Many a child will miss those special cookies she baked and they could always count on having one when they stopped in! Then there was the fresh ole bollen she would drop off at the cottage! What a treat that was!! She is living life eternally with her Savior who she loved so much and all her other loved ones who have gone before. Our love and prayers to all the family during this hard time of saying good bye to the earthly separation. Alida set an excellent example of a Proverbs 31 woman! You will be missed greatly.

March 15 at 3:57 AM

LF

**Linda Ferguson** posted:

Alida was such a lovely, kind lady with a great love for Tuesday afternoon bowling and games of all sorts. We will miss her greatly. Linda Ferguson - Christian Care

March 14 at 5:01 AM



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LA

**Linda Austin** posted:

Ruthie, I am so sorry about your Mom's passing. I rembmer her showing up at the bowling alley every week the year I was on the league with you ... she was a very special lady, ad I know how much you loved her and took care of her. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family ... with love,  
Linda Austin

March 14 at 3:02 AM

TA

**Tom Van Andel** posted:

Nobody made ole bollen (apple fritters) like alida . Always a good time at coffee drinkers after church. Tom

March 13 at 5:25 PM

CD

**Cheryl Dykstra** posted:

One of my early and most loved memories of Alida was the mother and daughter banquet where she and her sister sang and acted out, "Theres A Hole In My Bucket, Dear Lisa, Dear Liza". I still laugh to this day, and that was a long time ago! Alida always tried to make others happy, no matter what she made herself look like in the process. She was a Saint in the church that I always looked up to. Tonight I thank God for her influence on so many people. I am sure she is having a wonderful social in heaven. I am happy that all of her children have such wonderful memories of a loving Christian mother.A special hug to you Ruth. Thanks for the fun times at your house with your mom.Love,  
Cheryl Dykstra (Dood)

March 13 at 5:21 PM

TE

**Ted** shared an album called **New Album Name**.



March 13 at 3:53 PM

TH

**Ted & Dar Hewitt** posted:

We extend our sympathy to all of the Hower family. Alida always had a warm smile & a friendly greeting for people. She was a welcome part of First Church. We miss her.

March 13 at 3:45 PM



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MA

**Marilyn And Tom Van Andel** posted:

Very sorry for your loss. Lida introduced Tom and I in the back of church one Sunday morning, she knew that I had a crush on him. She grabbed my arm and Tom's arm and said Marilyn this is Tom, Tom this is Marilyn, there now you're introduced you have to take it from here!! Roy and Lida were our Master and Mistress at our wedding. So happy that she is now in heaven with Roy and all the rest of her brothers and sisters including my mom!

March 13 at 3:03 PM

DR

**Dianne Roberts** posted:

The world....and especially the extended "Koster" family has lost a true saint. Aunt Alida lived her faith with her extravagant welcome to everyone she met... she was compassionate, generous and sincere... she defined Christianity and the "Love of Jesus" in every sense of her being. I count myself honored and blessed to have not only known her, but to have been part of her family. Blessings to her children and their families as they recount the memories and celebrate the life of such an extraordinary woman.

March 13 at 2:55 PM

SD

**Sheryl Dykstra** posted:

Ronda and family....I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. I know how much you loved your mom. Even tho I never had the honor of knowing her I can see through you that she must have been a wonderful mother and friend. Sending hugs and prayers!!!

March 13 at 2:34 PM

OM

**Olivia Mancilla** posted:

Ruthie & Rhonda - Sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. You were so blessed to have enjoyed her for so long. In Sympathy & Prayer Olivia Mancilla

March 13 at 1:33 PM

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**Rhonda Bolema** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I'm keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers.

March 13 at 10:50 AM



**Ronda Hower-Bonebrake** March 13 at 2:12 PM

Thank you Rhonda. You were included in lots of happy childhood memories:-)



**Donna Iverson** March 13 at 1:10 PM

Alida was an amazing aunt. Her door was always open , for swimming, meals and even overnight stays ...she had a way of making everyone feel welcome. Proud to be a member of the Koster family and I share the deep sense of loss with all of you. RIP



## Media

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Ted shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.

March 13 at 3:53 PM



LeRoy Hower Family

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# Memories only last if you share them

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



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