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ViviAnn Lucille Williamsen (nee Johnson) died April 17, 2014. She is now in the arms of her beloved Lord. ViviAnn was born on July 29, 1919. Vivi graduated from Muskegon High School. She also graduated from Lutheran Bible Institute. Additionally, Vivi took course work at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. Vivi met the love of her life in Detroit at a Luther League convention when she was 16 years old. The two were married in Fort Leonard Wood at the beginning of the US involvement of World War II. Vivi worked in Muskegon during the war to support the war effort. This was not the only time she was separated from her husband. They were also separated during the Korean conflict and the Vietnam conflict. After her husband was ordained, the army called him to return to the military as a chaplain. Vivi took her role as pastor's/chaplain's wife very seriously. They were clearly a ministerial team. Wherever the army took them, Vivi made a home. She was a surrogate mother for all the soldiers she came in contact with. She turned each chapel into a parish and treated all who came with much kindness. Whenever Vivi made a special meal, she would always pack up a plate or two for shut-ins in the neighborhood.

Vivi taught third grade while living in Maryland. She was a great teacher and teaching was one of the proud accomplishments of her life. However, her job as mother was her primary role and commitment. She was not afraid to speak to authorities and put them in their place whenever there was a concern about her children. She was a good mother. She loved her children and her children loved her. Vivi's grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought her much joy. There was never a loss for love in the Williamsen household.

Vivi was a sought after speaker. She shared openly of her experiences with the military, especially during those years living in West Berlin. She often remembered how she had to keep suitcases packed and ready to go (while in West Berlin), in the



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event that the military would evacuate the families.

Vivi was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Oscar, her brother and 3 sisters. She is survived by her children Thomas (Faye) and Joanne; three grandchildren Kaaren, Michelle (John), and Erik (Carolyn). Vivi also had four great-grandchildren Emma and Luke (through Michelle); Sylvia, and Lila (through Erik). She is also survived by multiple nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was a wonderful friend and was dearly loved by those who knew her.

A FUNERAL SERVICE will be held 11:00 AM Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1132 Southern Ave., with Rev. John Ferra and Larry Foster co-officiating. VISITATION will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 PM at The Walburn Chapel Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc. 1547 W. Sherman Blvd.

231-759-8565

INTERMENT will be in Restlawn Cemetery. MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS may be made to Our Savior's Lutheran Church.



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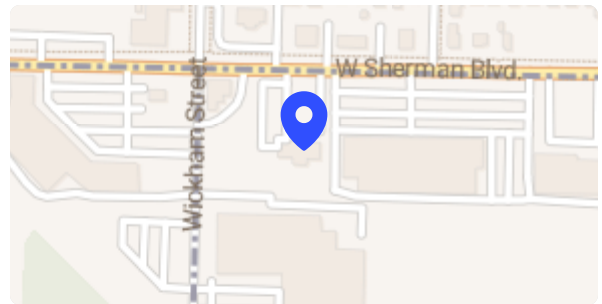
Visitation

Monday, April 21, 2014

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Walburn Chapel

1547 W. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon MI 49441



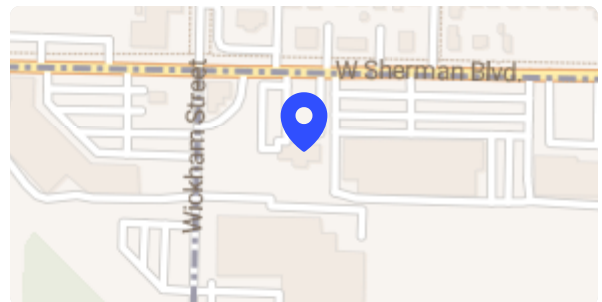
Visitation

Monday, April 21, 2014

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

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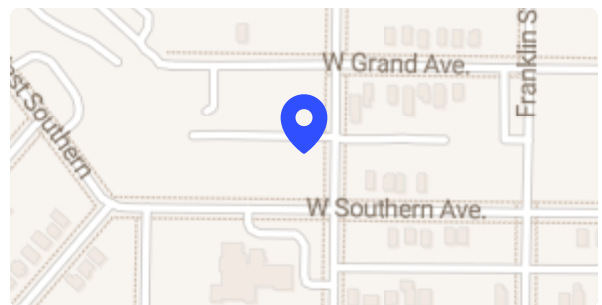
Funeral Service

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

11:00 AM ET

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

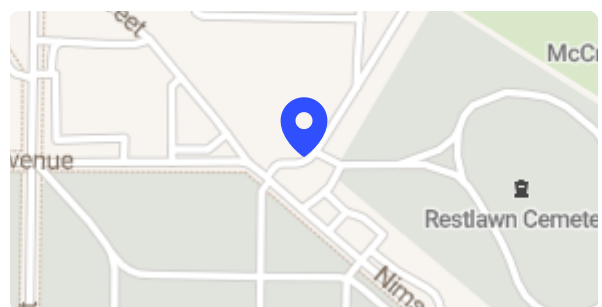
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Cemetery Details

Restlawn Cemetery

1400 Kenneth Street, Muskegon MI 49442





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HH

Harbor Hospice posted:

We send our sincere sympathy to your family. We are here to support you in your time of loss – today and for as long as you need us. – The Staff of Harbor Hospice.

April 22 at 8:07 AM

AG

Alana Utsumi (Esther's Granddaughter) posted:

My Great-Aunt Vivi. I have no words to express how much she meant to me and our family. Watching her orchestrate the grand family storytelling every time any of the siblings were together was priceless. I'll never forget her joy, her love, and her heart. I'll miss her.

April 22 at 6:04 AM

VG

Venetia Gentzler posted:

When my dad was stationed near Nurnberg in the late '60s, the Williamsens were also at Herzo Base. I know my brother and I have many great memories of Easter and Christmas celebrations, which are beautiful in Germany, and various activities. Tom and ViviAnn (of course they were Reverend and Mrs back then) were an integral part of our lives! I was delighted when a mutual friend tracked us down and I was able to correspond with them several times. My prayers go to your family for peace and joy at this time. Venetia Vahrenkamp Gentzler

April 22 at 3:24 AM



Judi Bowman Delis posted:

ViViAnn, we were blessed to have you at Seminole Shores. Your smile and cheery greeting each day will truly be missed. Thank you Tom and JoAnn for sharing her with us!

April 20 at 4:02 AM

GB

Glenda Brooks April 20 at 10:15 AM

she was a bright spot in the beauty shop will miss her



Memories only last if you share them

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



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