



# Katherine Swiftney

JUL 24, 1914 - MAR 15, 2015



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**M**rs. Katherine Swiftney, age 100, of Grand Haven passed away on Sunday, March 15, 2015 at Grand Pines Assisted Living. She was born on July 24, 1914 to Bert and Antonia (Deneka) Przysucha. On May 22, 1937, she married Henry Albert Swiftney, son of Albert and Jennie (Zuidema) Swiftney. He passed away on April 13, 1994.

Mrs. Swiftney has been a life-long resident of Grand Haven and also a life-long member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. She volunteered at her church and also at North Ottawa Community Hospital, where she served for 25 years. She was a member of the O'Brien Circle and St. Patrick's Altar Society and also regularly attended a bible study session there. She derived much pleasure in being a homemaker and loved her family dearly. She was a Eucharistic minister, and her hobbies included sewing, reading, and solving crossword puzzles.

Survivors are her sons, Henry (Polly) Swiftney of Vero Beach, Florida and Richard (Barbara) Swiftney of Shelby Township, Michigan; grandchildren Mark Swiftney of Gurnee, Illinois, Lisa (Eric) Strons of Libertyville, Illinois, Michael Swiftney of Shelby Township, Michigan, Steven (Laurie) Swiftney of Rochester Hills, Michigan and Kathryn (Jeff) Humason of Macomb, Michigan; and 9 great-grandchildren Jessica, Matthew, Carly, Devin, Brenna, John Henry, Joseph, Kelly June and Avery Hope along with many nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death were her parents; two sisters, Helen (Robert) Woyche of Muskegon and Annette Przysucha of Grand Haven; and brother, John of Venice, Florida.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 AM Saturday, March 21, 2015 at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Catholic Church with Rev. Father Norman P. Droski officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at church. Interment will take place in Lake Forest Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Katherine may be given to St. Patrick-St. Anthony Catholic Church or Hospice of North Ottawa Community. Please sign the family's online guestbook at [www.vbkfuneralhome.com](http://www.vbkfuneralhome.com).



## Obituary

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The family is being served by VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home of Grand Haven.



# Events

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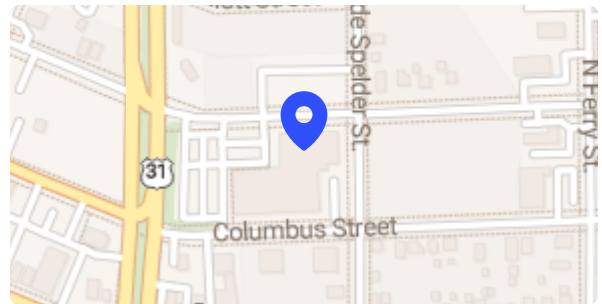
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## Visitation

**Saturday**, March 21, 2015

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

**St. Patrick - St. Anthony Catholic Church**  
920 Fulton St., Grand Haven MI

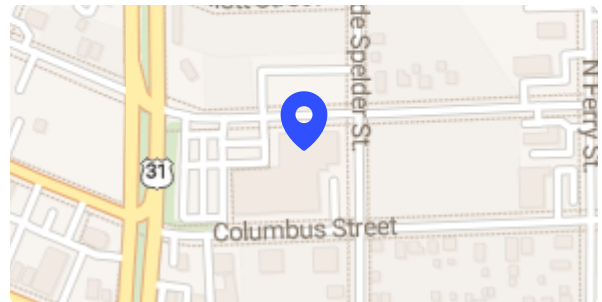


## Service

**Saturday**, March 21, 2015

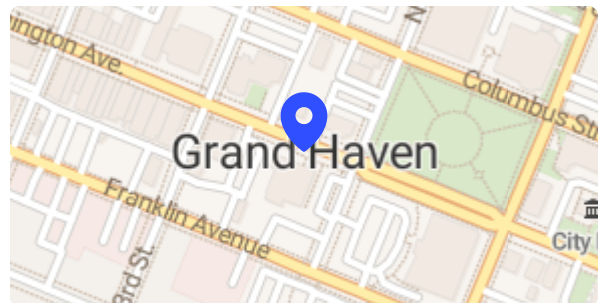
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## Cemetery Details

**Lake Forest Cemetery**  
Grand Haven MI 49417





## Tribute Wall

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CW

**Carolyn Windemuller** posted:

Your mother was my next door neighbor since I was really really young. I am Carolyn Van Dyke Windemuller. She was such a sweet lady , always friendly to me and my brother Roger. When my parents moved from Grand Haven , and later from Spring Lake we stopped in to say goodbye to her. That was in 2014. She was still the same lovely lady that I remember. She was always so stylish too ! I think she once told me that her daughter-in-law would help her pick out clothes. My parents both died in 2014 exactly 4 months apart from each other. They always loved having your family as their next door neighbors. Sincerely,Carolyn Windemuller

June 23 at 3:31 PM

SK

**Shirley Koteles** posted:

I often remember the times Katherine and I shared counting and depositing the "Bingo Money" when I was on the Financial Council at St. Patrick's. She was a special lady and my sympathy to her family.  
Shirley Koteles

March 21 at 8:15 AM

JP

**John Przysucha** posted:

Hank, Rich and Family,So disappointed not to be able to be there tomorrow with all of you. Unfortunately we had already scheduled and planned to be in Florida visiting my mother this weekend. My visit with Aunt Katherine last summer was so memorable for me as I was able to have a very fun and entertaining discussion with her about so many things. That and the pictures I have with her from that time will give me so many fond memories of the times spent with her and of course your Dad. I can not tell you enough how much I cherish those memories. Condolences to all but know she is in a better place. I will miss her smile and laugh.John and Martha Przysucha

March 20 at 1:55 PM

RB

**Rosa Bice** posted:

I joined Katherine's bible study a few years ago and she was a wonderful, Catholic, lady and we all enjoyed being with her and even some Russ' lunches afterwards. I didn't know she and Annette were sisters but I worked with Annette at NOCH back in the 70s. It was a pleasure to know these two women. As Fr. Bill says, this world would not have been the same without them. Rosa Bice.

March 20 at 6:39 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Swiftney family.



March 20 at 5:18 AM



**Hospice Of North Ottawa Community** posted:

May you find comfort and peace during this sorrowful time. Thank you for allowing Hospice of North Ottawa to be a part of Katherine's journey. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. -The staff at Hospice of North Ottawa Community

March 20 at 4:13 AM



**Don & Mary Heilig** posted:

Dear Family, We were blessed to have Katherine in our lives....an Angel in our midst and always such a lady. I am picturing a grand reunion in Heaven...her beloved Hank, Annie and John welcoming her home. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with all of you. Love, Don & Mary Heilig

March 19 at 1:18 PM



**Mark Swiftney** posted:

Dearest Grandma Katherine, Thank you for all of the joy, laughter, love and warmth you shared with all you came into contact with especially your family. You will be missed, (God needs you more now) but we celebrate your life everyday and as you said "Everyday is Mother's Day"! Hugs to Heaven! All my love, Grandson Mark

March 19 at 12:07 PM



**Rick Wilds** posted:

RICH: Very sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. My sympathies to you. Rick Wilds.

March 19 at 6:53 AM



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MF

**Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Swifney & Family** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Aunt Katherine was such a lovely woman in every way. Always caring, always calm, always welcoming and always smiling. Our loss is definitely a huge gain for Heaven - probably why the sun has been shining so brightly.



March 18 at 1:58 PM

SR

**Scott Reenders** posted:

What a privilege to have Known Katherine all these years. My Grandfather Arthur Reenders built the house on Park Street that she lived in for over fifty years. I was born across Park Street from Katherine and spent my early years visiting, having cookies and milk, and feeling special in her presence. My children grew up down the street and also enjoyed more of the same special memories of cookies, milk, and conversation with Katherine. In 2009 it was my privilege to help her choose her apt at Grand Pines, where my staff has felt lucky to provide comfort and care to such a wonderful lady the past five and a half years. She was always so content, happy, and grateful for everything that was done for her. Last year on her 100th birthday we had so much fun tooling around town in my Dad's 1927 LaSalle. She hoped right in and we made our way through town, to the beach, and out for ice cream. Thank you Swiftney Family for your trust in allowing my great staff at Grand Pines to help make her feel comfortable and safe in her final years. She will be missed by many here, but we are happy for her that she is with so many loved ones who went before her!

March 18 at 11:18 AM

WE

**Wanda Essebaggers** posted:

Heaven has a beautiful angel with Katherine! She was a sweet ,gentle lady ! With lots of love to give !! I'm blessed to have had her as a friend !! God bless !! ?

March 18 at 9:46 AM

LI

**Linda** lit a candle in honor of Katherine.



March 17 at 3:38 PM



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SB

**Sue Borta** sent a virtual gift in honor of Katherine.

Katherine a Grand Lady in every sense, you will be missed by all. Warm thoughts and prayers to everyone. Sue Borta

March 17 at 2:12 PM



PG

**Patti Grillo** posted:

Dear Swiftney family, please except my sincerest condolences on the passing of your dear, sweet mother, grandmother, great grandmother and aunt. I was so very privileged to have been able to get to know her and care for her in her early days at Grand Pines. I'll always remember that beautiful smile, perfect etiquette, and the love she showed to everyone she met. And, oh how she loved her family! And her Church. And her God. I recently visited with her on several occasions. She expressed her deep desire to return to her Savior. I am so very happy for her that she has at last! My dear friend Katherine, save a place for me! Can't wait until we can spend eternity together! Enjoy your eternal rest!

March 17 at 12:12 PM

AG

**Abbey Gannon** lit a candle in honor of Katherine.

I will miss Katherine's contagious smile. You will be missed dearly!

March 17 at 10:31 AM



WE

**Wanda Essebaggers** lit a candle in honor of Katherine.

March 17 at 6:08 AM





## Media

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March 18 at 1:58 PM



100 year birthday celebration this past July, 2014 - so glad we took this picture!



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

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



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