



Mrs. Ruth E. Leafers

MAY 15, 1931 - JUL 7, 2015



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Mrs. Ruth E. Leafers, 84, passed away Tuesday morning, July 7, 2015. Born May 15, 1931 to Alfred and Eleanor (Johnson) Peterson, she was a life resident of Muskegon. Ruth married Robert L. Leafers who died January 27, 1987. She was a 50-year member of Olivet Evangelical Free Church, where she was a greeter the past seven years; and participated in various women's ministries. She was also involved in Christian Women's Club and was a featured speaker for them throughout Michigan and Indiana; and led "Discovery", a support group for women with emotional problems, for 43 years. She is SURVIVED BY her children: Vince Leafers, Lori (Jim) Hoekstra, and Randy Leafers; two grandchildren: Lindsey Brink and Stephen (Marilyn) Brink, and their daughter, Emmalyn; her stepsister, Marian Ricco; and a special friend, Jay Larman. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sister, Evelyn; and son, Jeff, in 2004. Ruth was a very active lady. She had been a beautician for 65 years, liked sewing, boating, shopping, dancing, and traveling, and was proud to be a Big Red as a member of Muskegon High School Class of 1949. VISITATION for Ruth Leafers will be 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Saturday, July 11, 2015 at Olivet Evangelical Free Church, 6790 S. Harvey St., followed by a FUNERAL SERVICE at 3:00 P.M. with her pastor, Rev. Craig Cramblet officiating, and interment in East Dalton Oakhill Cemetery. MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS to Olivet Evangelical Free Church would be appreciated. The Lee Chapel, 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444, phone 231-798-1100 is assisting the family.





Events


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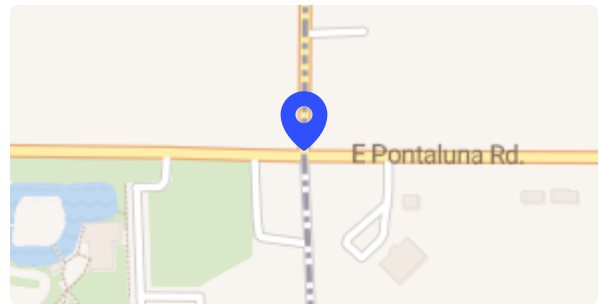
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Visitation

 **Saturday**, July 11, 2015

 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET


 **Olivet Evangelical Free Church - Harvey Campus**
6790 S. Harvey St., Spring Lake MI 49456

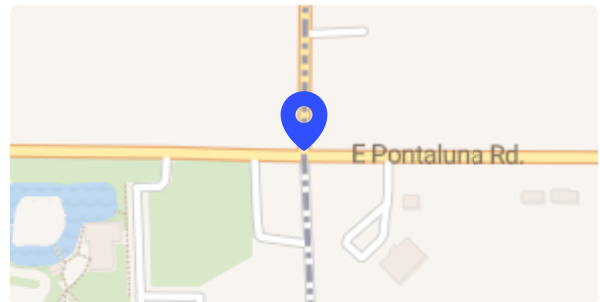


Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, July 11, 2015

 3:00 PM ET

 **Olivet Evangelical Free Church - Harvey Campus**
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Tribute Wall

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DR

Diane (Leafers) Renkenberger posted:

Lori, Randy, and Vince, So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. My deepest sympathy to your family at this difficult time. May God bring you peace and strength.

July 14 at 4:53 AM

JO

Joy Ott posted:

We just learned late this evening about Ruth's passing. Otherwise we would have been at her visitation or memorial service. Although we hadn't seen Ruth very often over recent years, our friendship went back many years and we have many fond memories of her, Bob, and the Leafers family. She was a dear friend with an everlasting smile. Sending our sincere sympathy. Don & Joy Ott

July 12 at 6:00 PM

LR

Larry Ricco posted:

Lori, Vince and Randy, We are so sorry for your loss of your mother. I have fond memories of her and all of the Leafer family growing up. Ruth was always kind and very positive on nature. Thinking of you at this time. Larry and Jan Ricco

July 12 at 3:45 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Leafers family.



July 10 at 6:28 AM

KB

Karen Browne posted:

I only knew Ruth about 4-5 yrs. but she was one very special person to me. We have to be out of the area Sat. and I feel very bad that I can't come to her funeral. We will really miss her, and will be thinking of the family and praying for you this week-end. She was always smiling and upbeat, and it was such a joy to know her. Karen Browne

July 9 at 5:24 AM



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Brian Bailey posted:

It seems like yesterday that I spoke to Ruth at my daughter's graduation open house on June 5th, 2015. Ruth had a way of entering a room with that award winning smile as though she was smiling for herself and anyone else that had no reason to smile. My good friend Jay Larman introduced us sometime ago and I immediately knew that this was a person who had touched the face of God. If there is a flag in heaven it is flying at half staff because another soldier in the army of the Lord has fallen only to rise again one day. I will miss that camera flash smile and her kind gentle ways; only to be reminded that love isn't love until you give it away. May God give the entire family and friends of the family a peace that surpass all understanding "God Bless" Brian Bailey & Family

July 8 at 6:48 PM



Irmgard Johnson sent a virtual gift in honor of Ruth.

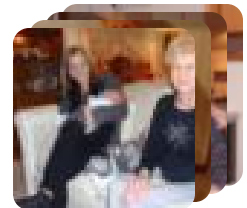
My husband and I were so fortunate to have such a wonderful neighbor. Ruth was always pleasant, thoughtful, and energetic. What an inspiration. I will miss sharing the joy she got from keeping our little flower garden watered.



July 8 at 5:54 PM



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



July 8 at 11:09 AM



Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services shared an album called **Ruth Leafers Album**.



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Lindsey shared 4 photos to the **New Album Name** album.

July 8 at 3:45 PM





Media

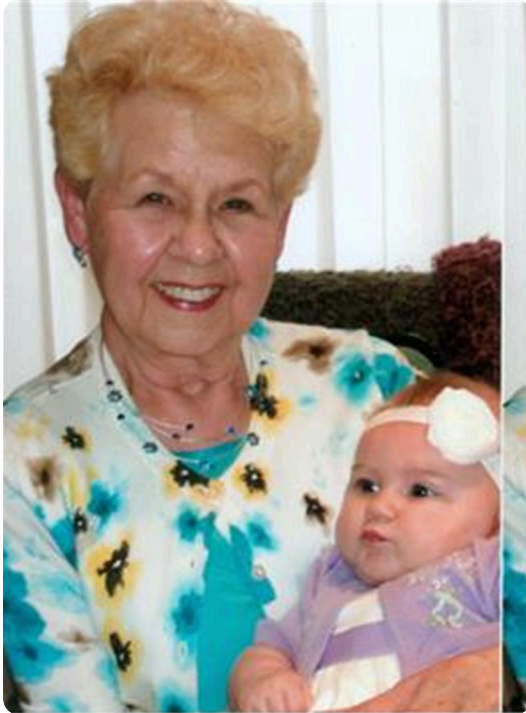
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Memories only last if you share them

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



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