



Carol Jean Vander Wall

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Carol Jean Vander Wall, age 78, loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away unexpectedly Monday, January 18, 2016 in Lake Placid, FL. She was born November 15, 1937 in Grand Haven, MI to Orrie and Swannie (Katt-Ruhlig) Vander Meiden. On June 5, 1957 she married her husband of 58 years, James "Jim" Vander Wall in Grand Haven. They lived many years in Norton Shores, MI before moving to Hart, MI in 2003 and spent their winters in Lake Placid, FL for the last 20 years. Carol was a former member of Unity Reformed Church in Muskegon and had also attended Mears Community United Methodist Church in Mears, MI. Carol was the Vice President of United Sign Company for 20 years before retiring in 1997. She enjoyed baking, card making, sewing, line dancing, playing cards, and gardening, but more than anything, enjoyed being with family. She is lovingly remembered by her husband, Jim; daughter, Janna Kooi of Grand Rapids; son, Mark Vander Wall of Norton Shores; 6 grandchildren: Ryan, Molly, and Emily Kooi, Zoe Stenholm, Mila and Orrie Vander Wall; great-grandson, Landon Ross; 3 brothers: Orrie "John" (Margaret) Vander Meiden, Rev. James (Bonnie) Vander Meiden, David (Joann) Vander Meiden; sister, Dorothy (Tony) Meyers; 2 step-brothers and 2 step-sisters; 2 sisters-in-law: Emilee Payne, Lois (Vercil) Potts; many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, great-great-nieces; and many close friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and step-father, Rev. Edward Ruhlig. FUNERAL SERVICES for Carol will be held 11:00 AM Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at the Lee Chapel, 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444, with the Rev. Ken Vanderlaan officiating. VISITATION with the family will be from 6-8 PM Monday, January 25, 2016 and one hour prior to the service Tuesday morning. Burial will take place in Lake Forest Cemetery, Grand Haven, MI. MEMORIALS to Samaritan's Carriage or Gideons International will be appreciated. Share memories with the family on their On-line Guest Book at www.sytsemaf.com



Events

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Visitation

 **Monday**, January 25, 2016


 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

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

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



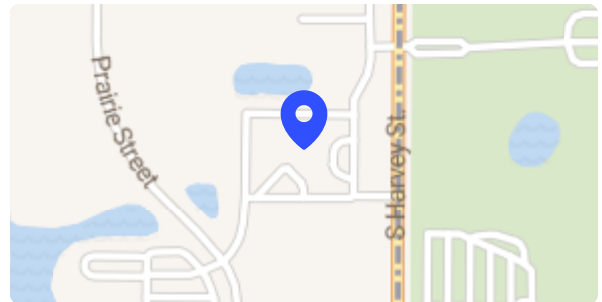
Visitation

 **Tuesday**, January 26, 2016


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


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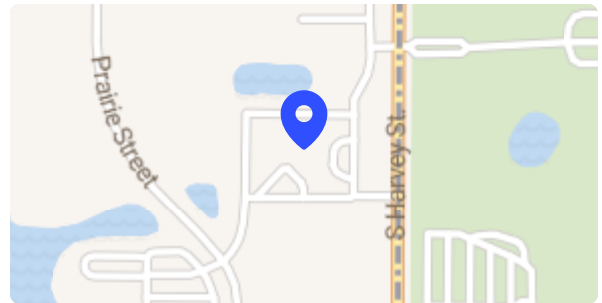
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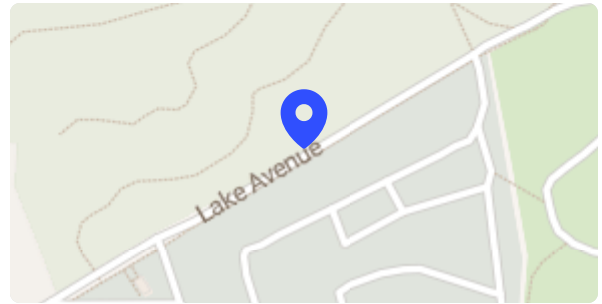
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Cemetery Details



Lake Forest Cemetery

1304 Lake Ave., Grand Haven MI 49417





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LG

Lois Gray lit a candle in honor of Carol.

A special School friend thru the years. Lois Gray

January 28 at 2:23 AM



BV

Beverly And Terry Velik lit a candle in honor of Carol.

My heart and love go out to the whole family in this very hard time of sudden loss of a beautiful lady. Glad that we can all rejoice that we know she is heaven with Jesus. Our prayers will be with all of you as you go forward and will miss. Treasure all your good memories! Love Bev and Terry

January 26 at 10:08 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Vander Wall family.

January 26 at 4:54 AM



AS

And Tim Smith sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Vander Wall family.

January 25 at 2:28 PM



KB

Katie (Hill) Baker posted:

It was such a pleasure to live next door to Carol in Hart for the past 20 some years. What a beautiful person and so loving to everyone. She will be missed on Crystal Lake. -Katie (Hill) Baker

January 25 at 12:47 PM



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Dee Diephouse Wolffis posted:

Dear Jim and Family,I am sorry to hear of Carols' passing, I talked with her in Nov. at the dentist and we caught up on our families.For your children I will say that she was the best friend of my sister in law Reatha Wagenmaker and Jim you were great friend with my brother Bob Wagenmaker.May God be near to all of you each day.Christian Love Dee Diephouse Wolffis.

January 25 at 9:45 AM



Mila lit a candle in honor of Carol.



January 24 at 4:35 PM



Kerrie Vandermeiden lit a candle in honor of Carol.



January 24 at 1:12 PM



Mary North posted:

Carol and I worked at People's Bank as tellers. Great memories were made in those years. We shared many laughs together. Carol was always fun to be with and we will meet again in heaven with love-- Mary North

January 24 at 12:02 PM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Vander Wall family.



January 24 at 10:22 AM



Pat Wolffis lit a candle in honor of Carol.



January 24 at 10:03 AM



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PW

Pat Wolffis posted:

Carol you were my friend since Jr. High and throughout the rest of our lives. I am so thankful for your friendship and being my soulmate. We shared a bond like no other We laughed and cried and talked until all hours of the morning at the cottage. We rented booths at restaurants so we could talk for 5 hours. We talked on the phone for hours and both Jim and Jerry would wonder what do they talk about for that long. We went on trips, we spent winter weekends snowed in in Hart oh how we loved that and the ongoing competition with guys in our card games. All of this I need to hold onto because my life will forever be changed without you. I look forward to seeing you in heaven my friend! Love Pat

January 24 at 10:02 AM

EA

Ellie Aubel January 25 at 8:25 AM

Dear Jim (and Dottie, John, Jim, and Dave), We were so blessed when our Dad married your Mom and we gained a second family. We have many fond memories of times spent together. We especially enjoyed all of the family gatherings to celebrate birthdays and other special days. Carol was a very important part of these. And we also enjoyed spending time with her at the lake. One special memory I have is the beautiful Christmas cards she made. I still have several of them. Although we haven't seen her since Mom Swannie died, we have kept in touch. We were saddened to learn that she had died, but happy knowing that she is now reunited with her Mom and Dad and others that she loved. We know how very much you will all miss her. Our prayers for the Lord's healing of your grief and loss continue in the Christ that we share across the miles. May He comfort you with His peace, surround you in His love, and encourage you with His presence. We wish we were closer so that we could give you each a hug and join with you in the service tomorrow. We love you all, Ellie and Joe

BM

Brittney Vander Meiden lit a candle in honor of Carol.



January 24 at 7:32 AM

DM

Dottie Meyers posted:

Carol was the best sister ever! I have so many wonderful memories to hold in my heart. I still can't believe she's gone. When the phone rings I think it might be her. We talked often. I'm happy she is with Jesus now. I will always love you my dear sister and friend!

January 24 at 4:56 AM



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Anonymous sent a Joyful Memory to the Vander Wall family.



January 23 at 6:17 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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