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Mrs. Betty J. Smith, age 79, passed away early Friday morning, October 13, 2006 at The Poppen Residence of Harbor Hospice. She was born July 8, 1927 in Lantz, Maryland and moved to Muskegon in 1956. Mrs. Smith lived in Muskegon till 1970, she then moved to Nebraska for 6 years, New Jersey for 2 years, and Alabama for 12 years, before returning back to Muskegon after retirement in August of 1990. In her life, Betty enjoyed bowling, dinner club, dancing and music. She especially loved kids, working in the PTA and doing volunteer assistance in the classroom. Her family was the center of her life. She created a home which was open and welcoming. A stranger was not a stranger for long in her house. Her sharp wit and sense of humor, natural compassion and sensitivity made everyone feel special. Betty was, in a sense, a builder. A builder of confidence, of values, and of the human spirit. She will be dearly missed. On February 24, 1945, she married James R. Smith in Hagerstown, Maryland and he survives her along with 2 daughters, Jamie (Charles) Cathcart of Louisville, KY, Brenda (Harold) Wagner of Muskegon; 1 son, Dennis J. (Sibyl) Smith of Spring Lake; 8 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; 1 brother; 3 sisters; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by 1 brother and 1 sister. SERVICES were held 11:00 AM Monday, October 16, 2006 at

The Walburn Chapel

Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc.

1547 W. Sherman Blvd.

231-759-8565

with Rev. Lewis H. Glick officiating. Burial took place in Sunrise Memorial Gardens. VISITATION was one hour prior to the service Monday morning. MEMORIALS to the Leila and Cyrus Poppen Hospice House or the Humane Society will be appreciated. Share memories with the family at their On-line Guest Book at

www.sytsemafh.com



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Anonymous posted:

Jamie, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. My prayers are with you. Love JoAnn##imported-begin##JoAnn Dilts##imported-end##

October 23 at 6:41 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dearest Smith Family, We want to extend our sorrow in the passing of our dear Betty. We hope in some small way we were able to make a difference in her life as well as her family. It was a great pleasure to care for her and to meet her wonderful family. Thank you for coming to "OUR HOME". May God Bless You Always We will never forget Miss Betty Boop.##imported-begin##Poppen Hospice Staff##imported-end##

October 22 at 9:34 AM



Anonymous posted:

I'm so sorry to hear about Betty. I remember living down the (New) street from her. She was always very "warm" & "welcoming" to the Neighborhood children. My "Best" to the Smith Family (I remember ya'll). Midge (& Guy) Leslie (Traverse City, MI)##imported-begin##Midge (Weaver) Leslie##imported-end##

October 21 at 7:01 AM



Anonymous posted:

Betty was a neighbor and I remember the time she helped me bake a birthday cake for my mother's 30th birthday. She made it so special and that was typical of Betty. My prayers go out to the family, Jamie, Brenda, Dennis and Mr. Smith. God be with you, Sue##imported-begin##Sue Weaver##imported-end##

October 21 at 6:18 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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