



Marva Rood Blais

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Marva R. Blais, age 88, passed away peacefully in Cedar, Michigan on March 25, 2007, after a long and happy life with her loving children at her bedside. Marva was born in Ann Arbor on May 28, 1918, to Henry and Marva Rood who raised her in Pelham, NY. She attended Pelham Memorial High School where she was a standout athlete. She excelled in field hockey, and captained her team her junior and senior years. She attended Skidmore College and thereafter moved to Michigan where she worked at Sealed Power Corporation. She married Robert L. Blais in 1948 and they spent most of their 57 years together in Muskegon where she enjoyed the welcoming friendship and company of Robert's family. Robert preceded her in death on October 5, 2005.

Marva lived for her family and friends. She embraced life every step of the way and spread love and encouragement to all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Marva also had a deep compassion and love for animals. She spent the last three years of her life living on her daughter, Marva's, farm in Traverse City, relishing the company of horses, dogs and the surrounding wildlife. On the farm, she received loving care from Marva and her caregiver, Julie Enger.

Marva is survived by her five children, Philip (Deborah) of San Diego, James (Ann) of Spring Lake, Robert (Cindy) of Seattle, Paul (Linda) of Fremont and Marva of Cedar, her ten grandchildren Karin, Kristin, James, Jeffrey, Jonathon, Christopher, Ryan, Kelsey, Paul and Lauren; her cousin, Virginia DePeuter; her niece, Peggy Ann Walters and nephew, Steven Allerton. She survived her two sisters, Laura Allerton and Margaret "Peggy" O'Neil.

THE MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL will be celebrated 11 AM Thursday, March 29, 2007, at St. Jean the Baptiste Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Michael P. Olson presiding. Entombment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. VISITATION with Marva's family will be 5:30 – 8PM Wednesday at



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The Walburn Chapel of Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc.,
1547 W. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon, MI 49441 (231-759-8565), where the Rosary will be prayed at
7PM. For a more lasting memorial you are asked to consider The Humane Society-Animal Rescue
of Muskegon County.



Events


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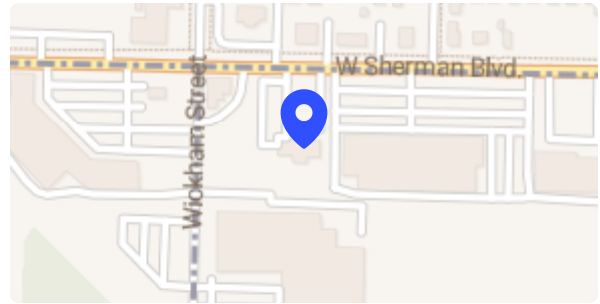
Visitation

 **Wednesday**, March 28, 2007

 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM ET

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

1547 W. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon MI 49441





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Anonymous posted:

Marva was one in a million and will be dearly missed.##imported-begin##Matthew Blais##imported-end##

March 31 at 3:45 PM



Anonymous posted:

Will always remember the days growing up, and visiting Aunt Marva. She was always smiling everytime I visited her. Will miss her.##imported-begin##Benjamin L. Blais##imported-end##

March 29 at 6:08 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Blais Family,I haven't been in touch with your mom for several years and was saddened to learn of her passing.I will always remember her for the great sense of humor and smile. It was always nice seeing her at White Lake Golf Course where they were members.My thoughts and prayers go out to you at this difficult time.Mary Ann Bard##imported-begin##Mary Ann Bard##imported-end##

March 29 at 1:04 PM



Anonymous posted:

To all the Blais Family, Your mother's passing is felt near to my heart. What a wonderful and kind hearted person she was. So selfless and enthusiastic about life with each one of you. We had some wonderful times together that I will not forget. All my best Jim Spencer##imported-begin##Jim Spencer##imported-end##

March 29 at 11:30 AM



Anonymous posted:

Marva and Family: I will always remember your beautiful mother! She could have been a movie star with her looks and great smile. I know that she was always there for my sister and will never be forgotten. For that, I thank you for sharing her. You were lucky to have your mom with you for so many years. God speed you through these sad days. She and you all are in my prayers. God Bless. Karen Leonard##imported-begin##Karen O'Toole (Leonard)##imported-end##

March 29 at 7:11 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Jim, Ann & Family:May the love of the Father and the Son sustain you all through this difficult time.
Ed & Vickie Kramer###imported-begin##Ed & Vickie Kramer###imported-end##

March 29 at 5:10 AM



Anonymous posted:

Marva Ann-- My sympathy in the loss of your mother, she was such a sweet and gentle lady. She was always so nice to me on the occasions we'd be at your house after school(Nims), cooking up some delicacy in our Easy-Bake ovens!May your memories bring you comfort. Sincerely, Cindy Fielstra Wolff###imported-begin##Cindy Wolff###imported-end##

March 28 at 7:05 PM



Anonymous posted:

Paul,Linda and children.Sorry for your loss of your mother.Your family will be in our prays. You lost both of your parents in just a short time. They will be missed by yourfamily. God Bless.###imported-begin##JACK AND DONNA KOCHES###imported-end##

March 28 at 4:27 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Blais Family;Our thoughts & prayers are with you. We are sorry we can not be with you at this time, as we are planning on a full house of out of town company here in Scottsdale, Az.We have the very highest regard for Marva.Our love to you.###imported-begin##Martin & Karen Mathews###imported-end##

March 28 at 2:21 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Marva and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Your Mom is with our Lord now, but I know how much you must miss her. I know she meant so much to my own Mom. Know that you and your family are in both my and my Mom's prayers. We ask that Jesus holds you in His loving arms, and gives you comfort in the days ahead. Know you can call anytime you feel a need to talk. Love and God bless you and your family always. Linda Busse (Rowe) 231-766-2589 and Bonnie Rowe (1PM-11PM) 231-894-8502###imported-begin##Linda Busse (Rowe)###imported-end##

March 28 at 2:15 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Blais Family- Please know you are in our thoughts at this time. In memory of her kindness & great laugh. She was fun to know.....Mardi (Scottsdale Az)Joan (Rapid City Mi)##imported-begin##Mardi (Monroe) Williams & Joan (Monroe) Kozal##imported-end##

March 28 at 11:13 AM



Anonymous posted:

Remembering the past, Joyce and I have many fond memories of Bob and Marva in the "neighborhood". As time passes you will remember all of the good times that you enjoyed with your mom and dad. Please accept our sympathies and give a big hug to Pauly and Loren.Matt & Joyce##imported-begin##Matt & Joyce Pellegrom##imported-end##

March 28 at 9:40 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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