



Delilah Ellen Gardner

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Mrs. Delilah Ellen Gardner, age 81, passed away Sunday evening, December 23, 2007. She was born April 1, 1926 in Fremont, MI to Roy W. and Hazel (Stocking) Jay. On September 11, 1945 she married Orville Gardner, Sr. in Muskegon and he preceded her in death. Mrs. Gardner was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. SURVIVORS include her sons, Orville (Linda) Gardner, Phillip (Sandy) Gardner; her grandsons, Jonathon (Jamie) Shepherd, Jayson (fiancée, Kendra) Gardner, Matthew (Amanda) Gardner; her granddaughter, Jody Willis; and her great-grandchildren, Hannah and Austin. She also leaves behind 6 wonderful nieces and a nephew. Mrs. Gardner will be greatly missed by her adoring cats, Tia and Little Bit. She was also preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Cora Lewis; and her brother, Raymond Jay. SERVICES will be 11:00 AM Thursday at The Lee Chapel

Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc.

6291 S. Harvey St.

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with the Rev. Fr. Michael Olson presiding. Burial will be in Spring Lake Cemetery. VISITATION will be from 2-4 & 6-8 PM Wednesday. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Harbor Hospice. Share memories with the family at their On-line Guest Book at www.sytsemafh.com



Events

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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, December 26, 2007

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

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

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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, December 26, 2007

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

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Anonymous posted:

I just wanted to say thank you for allowing me the pleasure of caring for your mom. She will always hold a special place in my heart. With my deepest sympathy, Love, Dar###imported-begin##Darlene Hitsman##imported-end##

December 27 at 5:43 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the most wonderful and interesting neighbor anyone had the opportunity to have. Even if we moved away more than 40 years ago, my family has always known you as our neighbor, friend, protector, especially when one of us got in trouble. We knew our hides were protected, you never turned us in (to the folks). Many unforgettable memories, many cherished conversations, much side splitting laughter. Forever in my memory, forever in our legacy. No-one has ever had a better neighbor and life long friends, called 'the Gardeners'. Phil, Orv, we love you and will miss your folks. Ila, Orv, see you again, in Heaven. Love, Diane and the rest of the "Russicks" Cathy, Larry, Bernie, Greg, Char, Nettie, Chris, Phil, Andy, and Maureen.##imported-begin##Diane Russick##imported-end##

December 26 at 11:08 AM



Anonymous posted:

I first met Ila at my Pet Grooming shop when one day this little senior citizen lady walked in with her German Shepard Mix dog named Leroy Brown. You wouldn't have expected that type of dog at the end of her leash - a poodle, maybe, a yorkie or even a schnauzer but not this 85 lb German Shepard Mix! But the strong love that they shared was evident. She was a firm "dog mom" insisting that her big baby behave, which he did most of the time! We truly looked forward to Ila's Monday appointments to share conversation about Avon, pet ownership, Spring Lake Politics and garage sale bargains. I have had only a handful of people in my life that I have truly loved and felt a special attachment to, and Ila was one of them. Until I see you again, Ila, I'll miss you.##imported-begin##Jane McGregor##imported-end##

December 26 at 7:39 AM



Anonymous posted:

I will miss you very much. All our phone calls to each other to make sure all is ok. Rest in peace. No more pain for you. Love, Cathy##imported-begin##cathy loftis##imported-end##

December 26 at 5:19 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Grandma will always be in our thoughts; the family in our prayers.##imported-begin##Mary Corgan and Jim Fisher##imported-end##

December 25 at 12:27 PM



Anonymous posted:

Orv and PhilYour mom has suffered for a long time. I didn't know she was om Hospice. So was Gil when he died October 25. The old gang has "thinned"down to just a few.Our family sends our sympathy to your families and know lls is now at peace - same as Gil.##imported-begin##Katy Berry##imported-end##

December 25 at 8:02 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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