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Mrs. Helen M. VanderLeest, age 96, passed away Monday afternoon at the Sanctuary at the Park Care Facility. She was born on February 15, 1912 in Coldwater, MI to Archibald and Bertha (Clark) Lake and came to Muskegon as a young lady. She attended Muskegon Hts. schools and married Mr. Theodore VanderLeest in 1933. He preceded her in death in 1955. Mrs. VanderLeest was a clerk at North Muskegon Cleaners for 30 years, retiring in 1989. She is survived by her: son, Theodore R. (Cindy) VanderLeest of Whitehall; daughter, Carole Fenner of Palm Harbor, FL; sister, Leona Cook of Venus, FL and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her: brothers, Richard and Charles Lake and sisters, Thelma Carstairs and Peggy Zietlow. The funeral service will be held, Friday, 11:00 A.M. at: The Lee Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc. 6291 S. Harvey St. 231-798-1100. Rev. David Selleck officiating. She will be laid to rest in Mona View Cemetery. Memorial: Northside Senior Center.



Tribute Wall

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Anonymous posted:

Helen was always a great neighbor. Helen would always say hello, smile and go on about her way. Helen mostly kept to herself and family , but if needed some help, wasn't afraid to ask. During the snowy months, we always kept Helen's sidewalks clean. She never came out and said thanks (not that she needed to), but always left a six pack of beer on the porch during the holiday season. I always knew it was Helen's way of thanking us for the help when her son couldn't be there. Helen also helped us take care of our young son when we needed a reliable babysitter. We will greatly miss Helen and hope that she rests in peace. Ralph / Sue / Andrew - Grosse##imported-begin##Sue and Ralph Grosse##imported-end##

October 23 at 6:53 PM



Anonymous posted:

Gail and I were so sorry about the passing of your Mother. I remember your Mother as always being friendly with a smile on her face. I know you will miss her. Bill and Gail Marquard##imported-begin##Bill and Gail Marquard##imported-end##

October 22 at 11:40 AM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Don and Carol##imported-begin##Don and Carol Kvarnberg##imported-end##

October 22 at 5:06 AM



Anonymous posted:

As the senior members of the family pass we their children take our place in the line of leadership and caretakers of the family name and our children. As a child I recall trips to Muskegon to visit my father's brothers and sisters. Helen was one we always went to see. We got to play with our cousins Ted and Carol. Over the years miles have separated us yet my wife and I had several opportunities to visit with Helen in Florida when she was staying with Thelma or in Muskegon when Thelma was staying with her. They were close sisters and being in their company was always a joy. On Friday may God be glorified in the funeral services and in the fellowship of family and friends of Helen; and may God comfort the children and grandchildren of the Vanderleest family. Jerry and Claudette, San Antonio Texas##imported-begin##Jerry and Claudette Lake; Judy and Mark Wasserman; Jay and Hye Young Lake; and Chip Lake##imported-end##

October 22 at 3:57 AM



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