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Mrs. Joan Elizabeth McCarthy, age 83, passed away Friday evening, October 23, 2009, at home, surrounded by family. Joan was born January 18, 1926, in Copemish, MI to Loren and Genevieve (Allen) Read. On April 23, 1946 she married Sylvan T. McCarthy in Muskegon Heights, and he preceded her in death on August 6, 1998. Joan was an Avon Lady for 42 years before her retirement in 2008. She was also a member of Tatra Hall, the Lithuanian Club, and Pulaski Lodge. Joan enjoyed golfing, bowling, and playing cards with friends and family. Joan was an avid sports fan, never missing a Detroit Pistons game. She was also a lifelong camper, an activity she loved to do with her whole family, spending many weekends a year in campgrounds from here to Traverse City. These frequent weekend getaways included many from the extended family, forging a strong bond within the McCarthy clan. Above all, family was the biggest part of Joan's life. Joan is SURVIVED by her 5 children, Toni (Delbert) Baars of Muskegon, Michelle (Tony) Wroblewski of Muskegon, Sylvia (Glenn) Baird of Grand Rapids, Marianne (Bill) Mikkelsen of Novi, and Chris (Floyd) Zahrt of Muskegon; 10 grandchildren, Lisa Kay (Randy) Snell, A.J. Wroblewski, Jeffery (Sylvano Giroux) Baars, Troy (Kathy) Baars, Andrew Zahrt, William Mikkelsen, Joseph Mikkelsen, Jenna Mikkelsen, Adam Baird, and Hannah Baird; 4 great grandchildren, Anne Gregg, Lauren Wroblewski, Joshua Baars, and Megan Baars; a sister, Glada Blanchette of Muskegon; and many, many nieces, nephews, and friends. In addition to her husband Sylvan, Joan was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Hebert Read and Loren Read Jr.; and 2 sisters, Marguerite Wells, and Vivian McCarthy. A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, October 31, 2009 at The Walburn Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc. 1547 W. Sherman Blvd. 231-759-8565 with Rev. Fr. Andy Thompson presiding. VISITATION will be Friday evening from 6-8 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to Harbor Hospice.



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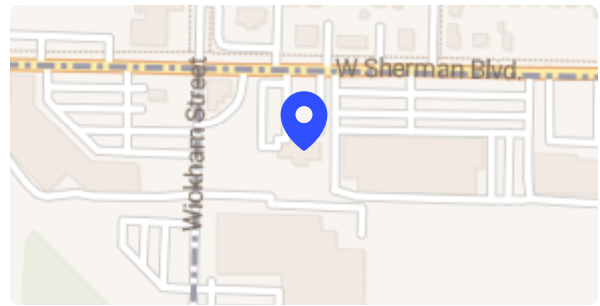
Visitation

 **Friday**, October 30, 2009

 6:00 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:

So very sorry to hear about the loss of Joan ann. She was one special lady. We will miss her here at Pulmonary Rehab. She put up a good fight, never heard her complain, even when she wasn't feeling the greatest. What a dear lady she was. My thoughts and prayer are with all of your family. You all took such good care of her. She was lucky to have you all the support you all gave her and took such wonderful care of her. Cathy Pulmonary Rehab..sorry to miss her service I was out of town...##imported-begin##Cathy Schmidt##imported-end##

November 4 at 12:29 PM



Anonymous posted:

Chris, Floyd & Family - Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.##imported-begin##Tom & Susan##imported-end##

November 1 at 9:29 AM



Anonymous posted:

To the entire McCarthy family: our condolences to you all and our apologies for our absence during your time of need. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers. It may sound insincere as it has probably been said over and over but, we are available for anything you may need. We miss seeing Joan looking out the kitchen window, watching her birds or our children playing in the yard. We miss being able to walk across the street and share a story or two with her and all of you, usually enhanced by a frosty beverage. Your family gatherings were always very special to us. It is going to make driving through the old neighborhood truly different. Joan was the last familiar face we would encounter from time to time when we would venture that way. We love you all. Ed, Ruth, Kyle and Miranda Sagan.##imported-begin##Ed and Ruth Sagan##imported-end##

November 1 at 6:50 AM



Anonymous posted:

To the Baars from your next door neighbors. Our thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Connie & Gabby Seifert##imported-end##

October 31 at 10:31 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Joan was my neighbor for many years. I always respected her and her family and they are wonderful people. I know she will be deeply missed by everyone. My very deepest sympathy to her family. Georgia Strube##imported-begin##georgia strube##imported-end##

October 30 at 12:08 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. She was such a wonderful lady. I made my first Avon purchase from her, many many years ago. I wish I could be there in person, but please know my love and prayers are with you all at this time. Love Chrissy##imported-begin##Christine Bittinger##imported-end##

October 29 at 2:59 PM



Anonymous posted:

Marianne and family, John and I are thinking of you and your family at this time. We know that the memories of your mom will always be with you and will help you during this difficult time. The memories we will share with you regarding your mom's are playing cards, having a beer and watching the Pistons games. God bless you all. Love, Barbara and John##imported-begin##Barbara and John Jablonski##imported-end##

October 28 at 1:35 PM



Anonymous posted:

SO SORRY ABOUT AUNT JOAN'S PASSING. A DIFFICULT TIME IT WILL BE BUT NOW THERE IS NO MORE SUFFERING FOR HER. MEMORIES ARE WHAT WILL KEEP HER ALIVE! LOVE TO ALL XOXOXOXOXO THE BROTHERTON FAMILY##imported-begin##GARRY & DENISE BROTHERTON & FAMILY##imported-end##

October 27 at 6:57 PM



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Anonymous posted:

You have my deepest sympathy for the loss of your Mother. I only knew her for a few short years but in that time I grew to be extremely fond of her. Her sense of humor and overall friendliness was most enjoyable. She has moved onto a far better place. You, her family, and those of us who called her friend will still cling to the loving memories of her. May God bless you all.##imported-begin##Bill Bringedahl##imported-end##

October 27 at 11:10 AM



Anonymous posted:

Sylvia and Family:So sorry to hear of your loss. Your mother sounds like an amazing and loving lady who will be missed greatly. She will survive in wonderful memories. My thoughts, prayers, and love go out to you during this difficult time. Linda Harkness##imported-begin##Linda Harkness##imported-end##

October 26 at 2:45 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sylvia and family, So sorry for your loss. Your mom sounds like she was quite a lady. Draw strength from each other and your faith. You are in my thoughts and prayers. steven##imported-begin##Steven Thayer##imported-end##

October 26 at 8:52 AM



Anonymous posted:

Chris and family,May the love and comfort of family and friends surround you in this difficult time. Thinking of you, TerryDeath leaves a heartacheno one can heal; Love leaves a memory noone can stealIrish Tombstone##imported-begin##Terry Donahue Cousins##imported-end##

October 26 at 7:40 AM



Anonymous posted:

Barb and I are sad to hear of you mothers passing and we will have her and you in our prayers. I met your mother a few times and thought that she was a wonderful person, I am sure her family will miss her . May the good Lord hold and keep her close to His heart.##imported-begin##Harry Red Bialik##imported-end##

October 26 at 6:48 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Chris, so sorry to hear of your loss. I will be thinking of you this week and praying for your mother.##imported-begin##Patrick O'Leary##imported-end##

October 26 at 4:04 AM



Anonymous posted:

Chris, Floyd @ Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.##imported-begin##Tom ,Kathy @ Kaitlyn Rabach##imported-end##

October 25 at 5:01 PM



Anonymous posted:

We Was So Sorry To Hear The Sad News About Your Dear One We Will Miss Her So Much At The Patio We Loved Her So Much. You Are All In Our Prayers##imported-begin##Jim & Norma & Elizabeth##imported-end##

October 25 at 4:59 PM



Anonymous posted:

Chris, I am sorry to hear of your loss. I know your mom has been ill for a while and handling it well, but I know your pain is still there. Will keep you and your family in my prayers.Eileen##imported-begin##Eileen Grunstra##imported-end##

October 25 at 3:36 PM



Anonymous posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. It is a tough time but now she is in peace and together with Uncle Sylvan once again.My Love and Prayers to all of you##imported-begin##Duane McCarthy##imported-end##

October 25 at 3:26 PM



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Anonymous posted:

now she's in heaven playing trianimos with her sister Margurite, my grandma.##imported-begin##dana (wells) holman##imported-end##

October 25 at 2:40 PM



Anonymous posted:

I'm very sorry for your loss. God's peace to you.##imported-begin##Pat Duncan##imported-end##

October 25 at 1:54 PM



Anonymous posted:

Aunt Chris, Uncle Floyd, Andrew, and McCarthy Family:We sorry to hear about your loss. We are thinking of you. Please let us know if we can help in any way.Loads of Love,Becki, Shawn, and Austin##imported-begin##Becki, Shawn, and Austin ##imported-end##

October 25 at 1:36 PM



Anonymous posted:

Chris,Thinking of you at this time, hopingyour good memories will give you peace. With deepest sympathy...##imported-begin##Mardi (Monroe) Williams##imported-end##

October 25 at 11:58 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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