



# Francina "Franny" Maria VanWalsum

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**M**rs. Francina "Franny" M. VanWalsum, age 83, went to be with her Lord Thursday morning, February 18, 2010, in Muskegon. She was born September 9, 1926 in Vlaardingen, the Netherlands to Jan & Maartje (Bakker) Groeneveld and has resided in the Muskegon area since 1951. "Franny" was a member of Calvin Christian Reformed Church and of its Friendship Ministries. She had owned and operated Fran's Ceramics for 23 years in addition to loving to knit, crochet, camp and travel. On March 9, 1951 she married Rien VanWalsum and he survives her along with 3 children, John Martin VanWalsum of Muskegon, Robert (Sarah) VanWalsum of Rochester, NY and Margaret Ann (Gregory) Start of Twin Lake; daughter-in-law, Barb (Rick, Dec'd) VanWalsum of Grand Rapids; 8 grandchildren, Scott (Crystal) VanWalsum, Michael (Kelly) VanWalsum, Chad (Ruth) VanWalsum, Caleb and Rebekah VanWalsum; Kyle, James and Erika Start; 6 great-grandchildren, Ian, Nicholas, Elliott, Gabriella, Brenden and Madelyn VanWalsum and by her sister-in-law, Mary VerHagen of Muskegon. "Franny" was preceded in death by her parents, 1 son, Reinier "Rick" C. VanWalsum and by 1 sister, Maria Groeneveld. SERVICES will be 11 AM Monday, February 22, 2010 at Calvin Christian Reformed Church with Pastor John Rop officiating. Burial will be in Sunrise Memorial Gardens. VISITATION with "Franny's" family will be 2-4 & 6-8PM Sunday at The Sytsema Chapel of Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc., 737 Apple Avenue, Muskegon, MI 49442 (231-726-5210). For a more a lasting memorial you are asked to consider Western Michigan Christian School or the Patient Activities Fund of Sanctuary at McAuley.




## Events

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### Visitation

 **Sunday**, February 21, 2010

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

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

737 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon MI 49442



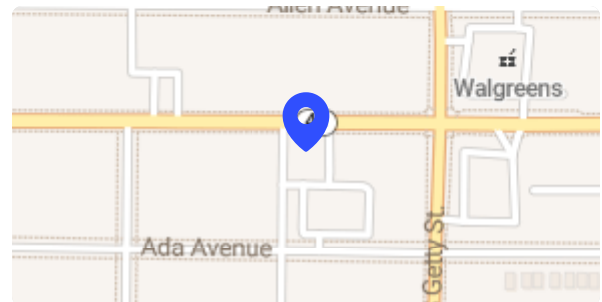
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**Anonymous** posted:

I am sorry to hear of Franny's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Sandy Pulsipher##imported-end##

February 24 at 3:24 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Please accept our deepest sympathies on your loss.bill & Joyce Pitts##imported-begin##Bill & Joyce Pitts##imported-end##

February 23 at 3:40 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Van Walsum Family,Our deepest sympathies in the passing of your mom, grandmother and friend.Blessings, Western Michigan Christian High School##imported-begin##Western Michigan Christian High School##imported-end##

February 23 at 9:01 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

John and family:You are in our thoughts and prayers and may God comfort you and hold you in the palm of His hand.With Deepest Sympathy,John and Paula Stauffer##imported-begin##John and Paula Stauffer##imported-end##

February 22 at 6:33 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To Margaret, Greg, and children. Scott and I would like you to know how sorry we were to hear about your mother. It is never easy to loose someone dear. We want you to know that we are thinking about you.##imported-begin##Scott & Pat Smith##imported-end##

February 22 at 8:48 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Greg and Margaret and family you have my sincere sympathy for your loss. Take comfort in that she is in heaven and is now an angel that can watch over you. Seek comfort in that God will watch over you in your time of need.##imported-begin##Jessie Kleyn##imported-end##

February 22 at 7:58 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Tante Franny - we love you and will miss you!Dear Oom Rien, Margaret, John, Robert and the rest of the family - I wish I could be there in person to share your grief and celebrate a beautiful life. Please know that my prayers are with you and accept my condolences - I'm going to miss my Tante Franny! Love,Fritz and Jill##imported-begin##Fritz & Jill VanWyngaarden##imported-end##

February 22 at 7:57 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

John and family,We are so saddened to hear of the loss of your mom. AMTELCO has made a donation to Western Michigan Christian School in memory of Francina "Franny" Maria VanWalsum. With Sympathy and Prayers, Your friends at AMTELCO.##imported-begin##AMTELCO##imported-end##

February 22 at 6:49 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Jaq.....I was so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Although I only met her a couple of times, her warm smile and endearing sense of humor stay in my memory. And, of course, I will always cherish her butter cookie recipe! My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Linda Tobias##imported-end##

February 21 at 3:20 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you Rien and family. We are so glad that we had the opportunity to get know Franny at the Village at Park Terrace. She was a delightful, loving person and she will be sadly missed.##imported-begin##Bev & Chuck Stafford##imported-end##

February 21 at 7:04 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Margaret & Greg, We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. We are keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Rick and Dee Zehr

February 20 at 2:44 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We are saddened to hear of your wife/mother/grandmothers passing. Our hope is that God be with each of you and strengthen you during this sad time. Rejoice in the fact that she loved her Lord. What a beautiful re-union for Rick and Franny.

February 20 at 10:53 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Robert and Family, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.

February 20 at 6:42 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

To the Van Walsum family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I remember she always had a smile on her face everytime I saw her. Two years ago when I was home I saw her and she as always was happy and smiling. She will be missed.

February 19 at 4:40 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Rien, John, Rob, Margaret & families Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with you all. Franny was a such a wonderful person and she will be missed by many who loved her. Always keep your memories close at heart. May God give you peace & comfort now and in the days ahead. Take Care~Fred & Janell Reichert & family

February 19 at 2:49 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

RienBoth my mom and dad and myself want you to know that we are sorry for your loss, but we know that Franny was always in pain and we know she is now pain-free. I am so glad that we were able to visit once more with you both last April.We wish you God's healing comfort.##imported-begin##Fritz and Hannelore Reichert -Barbara Ackerman##imported-end##

February 19 at 2:48 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I'll Miss you Mom##imported-begin##Robert Van Walsum##imported-end##

February 18 at 11:45 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Francina "Franny" Maria by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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