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Mrs. Kay L. Rousell, age 71, passed away Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at her home. She was born April 12, 1939 in Ravenna to Russell and Gertrude (Kern) VanBrocklin, and resided in the area most of her life. Kay was a member of Lake Harbor United Methodist Church, and enjoyed sewing, quilting, crossword puzzles and was an avid reader. On April 25, 1959, she married Mark Rousell, and he survives her along with 3 children, Douglas (Kathy) Rousell of Ann Arbor, Dennis (Viki) Rousell of Hudson, FL, and Kristen (Jim) Avila of Norton Shores; 9 grandchildren, Rebecca, Matthew, Brendan, Emily, Ryan, Kelly, Jillian, Anna, and Megan; 3 sisters, Loa Vandervelde of Fruitport, Vicki Osburn of Shelbyville, MI, Jane (Earl) Seelye of Muskegon; 2 brothers, Keith (Kathleen) VanBrocklin of Pentwater and Gary VanBrocklin of Muskegon; and sister-in-law, Jackie VanBrocklin. Kay was preceded in death by 3 sisters, Janice Smeaton, Avis Nielsen and Vee Vanette; and 2 brothers, Raymond and Dale VanBrocklin. The MEMORIAL SERVICE will be 11 AM Wednesday, July 7 at Lake Harbor United Methodist Church (4861 Henry St.) with Rev. Mark R. Erbes officiating. VISITATION will be 1 hour prior to the service, from 10-11AM. Memorial Contributions in Kay's name may be made to Lake Harbor United Methodist Church, or Harbor Hospice. Share memories with the family at their Online Guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com. Arrangements by The Lee Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc. 6291 S. Harvey St. 231-798-1100.



Anonymous posted:

We are here to celebrate the life of Kay Loretta (VanBrocklin) Rousell. Daughter to Russell and Gertrude. Sister to Raymond, Janice, Avis, Loa, Vee, Vicki, Dale, Keith, Jane and Gary. Mother to Douglas, Dennis, Kristen. Mother in law to Cynthia, Vicki, Jim, Kathy. Grandmother to Rebecca, Matthew, Brendon, Emily, Ryan, Kelly, Jillian, Anna, and Megan. Most importantly, wife to Mark. I was not around for Mom's first 20 years. I lived with her for her second 20 years. I have fond memories of her final 30 plus years. We lived in many homes, including McDowell Street, Collegiate Court, Hazelwood Court and 1241 Clayton Avenue. We lived in three houses that were new construction. I have purchased 3 new construction homes and know the clean up when you move in. Your retirement home was new construction also. Clean, clean, clean, that was mom. I am so glad you were able to spend your final days in that beautiful home. Memories. Cub scouts. Boy Scouts. You helped with my home improvement merit badge. Thirty five years later I was able to use those skills helping Kristen fix her telephone jack. We had many pets over the years. Patches, Bruno, Muffin, George. Thanks for walking those dogs. We have a little lasha alps, so I guess what goes around comes around. I remember our last family vacation in June 1980. We went in the Winnebago to St. Louis. We visited the arch and some underground caverns. Thank you for allowing me to perform with the Polka Towner's polka band. That experience is a significant part of my life. Without it, I would not be married to my wife, Kathy. One thing I never told you about playing in the band. My first with the Polka Towner's was to the VFW in Holton. On the way home we slid off the road just before North Muskegon. Music is a big part of my life. Thanks for all the piano lessons and listening to my saxophone, I remember that I played in the concert band for your commencement at Muskegon Community College. I am one of the few people that got to play Pomp and Circumstance for their mother's graduation. After I went on my own, there were the usual trips and visits. You came to my graduation in the Navy. You allowed your husband and son to participate in a short cruise on my destroyer. I remember Kristen's wedding. It was your first time at a Catholic Mass. As the mass unfolded, I was providing the responses and motions. You asked me how I knew what to do. My reply was we went to mass each Saturday before we performed. You made some wonderful meals. One of my favorites was sloppy Joes, baked beans, and chocolate pudding cake with vanilla ice cream for dessert. In later years, you baked cookies, cakes and pies. You used Olestra and Splenda. On those trips home, we found all five rest areas between Muskegon and Ann Arbor. We figured it out and asked you to use sugar and lard. You were there for me. You attended all your children's graduations and weddings. You were present at the baptisms of my three children. You helped watch Emily and Jillian when we needed you. Now you are gone. You will be missed at the graduations and weddings of your grand children. In conclusion, as I was preparing my wardrobe for your funeral, I was matching up shirts and ties. It finally hit me. You are not here to say "Doug you look so nice today." I am sad that you are not here. I look forward to the time when we meet again. ##imported-begin##Doug Rousell##imported-end##

July 14 at 5:17 AM



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Anonymous posted:

My condolences to you and your family. Rely on the strength of family & friends to get you through this difficult time. "With God there are no endings, only endless beginnings"....##imported-begin##Kim Brush##imported-end##

July 7 at 1:11 PM



Anonymous posted:

Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time, Kristen. We are so sorry for your loss and pray that God gives you strength and comfort.The Zobl Family##imported-begin##Nancy Zobl##imported-end##

July 7 at 4:09 AM



Anonymous posted:

Mark and family, So sorry to hear about Kay's passing. We fondly remember our times in the bowling league and visiting with you in Fort Wayne. Kirsten and I are thinking of all of you and send our regrets.Darrell##imported-begin##Darrell Colilns##imported-end##

July 6 at 5:29 PM



Anonymous posted:

Jimmy, Kris and each of your beautiful children: Art and I are feeling so sad because of the passing of Kay. I remember sitting in your kitchen one day and listening to two of your children (I can't remember which!) argue over whose turn it was to go to Grandma's and Grandpa's house. They couldn't wait to be on their way! They knew of the joy given and received in Kay's presence. We are all thankful for the opportunity to know Kay and be blessed with her graceful, loving example of Jesus' love for us! Be at peace, for Kay is at peace now also.##imported-begin##Art and Mary Miller##imported-end##

July 6 at 3:49 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am a member of the St. Francis DeSales Choir. Our thoughts a prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Joe VanLinden and Family##imported-end##

July 5 at 2:42 PM



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Anonymous posted:

My sincerest sympathy to all on Kay's passing. By far Kay's life on this earth is a model of how to live your life with joy, care and concern for others, and love of children! I join my prayers and thoughts with all her family and friends that we can continue to remember and live the spirit and strength Kay has shown in life and the courage and grace she recieved from her faith in God in passing into his loving arms. Thank you Kristen and James for sharing with us Kristen your message is comforting and you and your father are so blessed I wish I could be there however prayers are very strong and I am praying for you all. We will miss Kay's enthusiasm her sewing projects her cooking Her love will always be with us We will make sure to continue the example of love that Kay taught I love you all and thinking of you at this time Lucy###imported-begin##Lucy Avila###imported-end##

July 5 at 1:28 PM



Anonymous posted:

Although I can't make it to the funeral I just wanted to say that Kay was one of the nicest and greatest people I have ever met. We talked alot in the years I've known her and she will be greatly missed not just by me but by all the people in the beauty shop. We all miss her alot but she is ok, because she told me that she was ok. Take care and love to all-Linda Postema###imported-begin##Linda Postema###imported-end##

July 4 at 4:46 AM



Anonymous posted:

Our family sends sincerest condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. We pray for the repose of Kay's soul and her journey to the Lord be short. We didn't know Kay, but if you and your children are a reflection of her, she was a beautiful person.###imported-begin##Tony, Maria and Family###imported-end##

July 3 at 9:44 AM



Anonymous posted:

We will keep in prayers the Rousell family and the repose of the soul of Kay, whose daughter Kris we are blessed to have as an in-law.###imported-begin##Dan, Elaine & Miriam Avila###imported-end##

July 3 at 5:45 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Kristen, I will always remember the day we all three (Kay , you and I)went to the farmer's market and the outdoor craft festival in Muskegon. We had the best time! Kay remains with us all in spirit. We will continue to celebrate her life by celebrating ours with the same joy and compassion that she so graciously lived hers. Thank you for sharing her with me:) I was blessed on that sunny day . My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Luisa Avila##imported-end##

July 3 at 5:13 AM



Anonymous posted:

KristenI had received word that your mother was not doing well and was just reminding myself today to send you a card. Then, I got home and received e-mail from Eilene that your mother had passed away. I am so sorry for your loss. Mothers are very special people. May all those happy memories you have of your mother carry you through the days ahead. There must relief in knowing that her suffering is over and that she's at peace in the kingdom of God. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Anna Moss##imported-end##

July 1 at 7:10 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kay L. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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