



Mrs. Gudrun E. Marcotty

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Gudrun Marcotty, 86, died Oct 19 at her home in Muskegon Mich. She was born and raised in Stuttgart Germany, and after World War II attended medical school in Freiberg, Ger. In 1952 she emigrated to the United States with her husband, Dr. Andreas Marcotty, to start the first of many new lives she would make for herself during her lifetime. They lived in Boston, MA., Providence, R.I. and Manhattan, KS. before moving to Birmingham, MI in 1960, where they lived for forty years. She raised four children and many dogs in the house she loved on Orchard Lane. After her husband died in 2000 she acquired a masters degree in addiction counseling at the age of 77, and worked as a therapist in Birmingham. Four years ago she moved to Muskegon to live with her daughter and son-in-law, Drs. Katrina and Bruce Olson. She made many new friends in Muskegon through her volunteer work at the Hackley Life Clinic and the Muskegon Art Museum, and loved to walk in the woods and the beach. She was a woman of grace and great courage, especially in the last year of her life. Her gift for starting anew taught many to aspire to greater adventure and achievement in their own lives. She is survived by four children, three children-in law, seven grand children and the last of her beloved dogs, Ducé. A service for her will be held Nov. 13 from 2-4 p.m. at her home. Memorials should be sent to the Muskegon Art Museum in her name. You may sign the family's on-line guest book at www.sytsemafh.com Arrangements by The Sytsema Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc. 737 Apple Ave. (231) 726-5210.



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Anonymous posted:

I just heard the sad news of our good friend Gurdun. I am so sorry I did not have one last chance to visit with her. I loved her dearly. I will see her family on the 13th. Looking forward to reminiscing about this inspiring woman and her good friendship with my parents, John and Mary Ann O'Neill.##imported-begin##Mary O'Neill##imported-end##

November 9 at 8:26 AM



Anonymous posted:

Katrina,I had the pleasure and privilege of knowing your mother, Gudrun, just a "little" through our conversations at Norton Pines. What a delightful and interesting lady; always a smile, always encouragement, always time to chat for a few moments. I have missed seeing her these past difficult months. She will never be forgotten.Judy Gingras##imported-begin##Judy Gingras##imported-end##

October 26 at 4:07 PM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry to hear about the loss of such a lovely lady - Gudrun. She was our "friend" in the woods off Wabanningo Rd. where she walked Duce and (smiley) Rosie. Though we did not know her well, we looked forward to seeing she and the dogs and hearing little tidbits about her life. She often propped herself against a tree so our overzealous labs did not knock her over! We marveled at her commitment to those dogs and bravery at walking them alone! We will miss our friend - what a great lady!##imported-begin##Shelly and Bill Groethe##imported-end##

October 26 at 6:11 AM



Anonymous posted:

What a lady! We will miss her at the salon. She was always so sweet, and even on the days where she was tired she had a smile on her face and a twinkle in her eye. Rest in peace, Gudrun, your grace and dignity is an example to us all.##imported-begin##ChristineO##imported-end##

October 26 at 3:01 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Dr. Olson, My condolences to you and your family. Your mother lived a great life and nice to read of her accomplishments. Blessings, Lynn Hahn##imported-begin##Lynn Hahn##imported-end##

October 24 at 6:56 PM



Anonymous posted:

Your mom was a very special person. I was fortunate to be in her water class at Norton Pines. She was such an interesting person to talk with. She will be greatly missed. May God be with you and your family. Kay Hammond##imported-begin##Kay Hammond##imported-end##

October 24 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the family of Gudrun... I am deeply saddened by your loss. I worked with Gudrun where she volunteered at Hackley Life Counseling. She was a very precious soul and I so enjoyed working with her, talking with her about her life and of course her love, her Duce. Her smile and kind heart were contagious. I have often wondered where her next adventure would take her. May she rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely, Leanne##imported-begin##Leanne Manoski##imported-end##

October 24 at 3:34 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dr. Katrina, Sorry to read of your Mother's passing. My sympathy goes out to you and your family at this time.##imported-begin##Joan Hassell##imported-end##

October 24 at 3:01 PM



Anonymous posted:

Katrina and Bruce, We were so sorry to hear of Gudrun's passing. She was a very special person. Our sincere sympathies to you both, and to the rest of the family members.##imported-begin##Jan & Chris Deur##imported-end##

October 24 at 12:36 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dr Olson, I was so sorry to see your mom had passed away. Keeping you all in my prayers. Lynne Osborn##imported-begin##Lynne Osborn##imported-end##

October 23 at 6:40 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mrs. Gudrun E. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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