



Grace Elizabeth "Aunt Grace" DeVries

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Ms. Grace "Aunt Grace" Elizabeth , age 92 , went to be with her Lord and Savior, Friday, October 22, 2010. Grace was born December 8, 1917 in Muskegon to Eno and Elizabeth (Kieft) DeVries. She had worked at Westran Corporation as a bookkeeper for nearly 49 years prior to her retirement in 1984. Grace was a lifetime member of Bethany Christian Reformed Church where she taught Sunday school for 50 years, sang in the choir for 60 years, and was a part of Women's Fellowship for many years. Grace volunteered for Telecare through Bethany, checking daily by phone on area shut-ins. She had also volunteered at DeBoer Nursing Home since 1965, singing and playing piano for services held there. She volunteered her time at Hackley Hospital in past years. Grace also played and sang for many funeral and weddings throughout the years. She enjoyed traveling, trips to Florida, The National Bowling Tournaments, crossword puzzles, and reading. Grace is SURVIVED by many nieces, nephews and their families, and many dear friends. She was like a second mother to her nieces, Sherry DeBoer and Sandra Pickett, and nephew Larry Westerlind, as they shared a home during their early years. Grace is also remembered and loved by many of the students involved in Campus Ministry at Muskegon Community College and Grand Valley State University as she participated in activities with them. She was preceded in death by her parents; 4 brothers, Robert, Howard, Fred, and John; 2 sisters, Catherine Berkel and Edith Westerlind. A FUNERAL SERVICE will be held 11AM Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at Bethany Christian Reformed Church (1105 Terrace St.) with her pastor, Rev. David Sieplinga and her niece Sherry's husband, Rev. John DeBoer co-officiating. VISITATION will be one hour prior to the service (10-11AM) at the church. MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS may be made to Bethany Church or the Muskegon Rescue Mission. Interment will be made in Oakwood Cemetery. Share memories



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with the family at their on-line guest book @www.sytsemafh.com. Arrangements by The Sytsema Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc. 737 Apple Ave. 1-231-726-5210.



Tribute Wall

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Anonymous posted:

What a happy place heaven will be to have 'Aunt Grace' there with them. My love and sympathies to the whole family. I will miss you sweet lady and be sure to give a big hug to Mr and Mrs Veg. soup for me.##imported-begin##Sheila (Alexander) Hansen##imported-end##

October 26 at 5:25 AM



Anonymous posted:

I taught Sunday School at Bethany with Grace for many, many years. She was like my mentor. What a joy it was to see and hear her interact with the children no matter how old they were. She has touched many lives in such a positive way. Her family will be in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless!##imported-begin##Kathy Willer##imported-end##

October 25 at 4:20 AM



Anonymous posted:

John and Sherry,Aunt Grace was such a blessing to so many people. She radiated the love of Christ! I'm sure the funeral will be a beautiful tribute to her life.##imported-begin##Rachel (Beltman) Vereeke##imported-end##

October 24 at 5:52 PM



Anonymous posted:

John and Sherry. Our losses have been great. I remember so recently having some coffee and cookies with Aunt Grace after church with mom. Always smiling, always greeting me by name. We will miss them. We grieve along with you. love, Dar##imported-begin##Darlene (Sieplinga) Neidlinger##imported-end##

October 24 at 4:49 PM



Anonymous posted:

You came into our lives at a time we needed you. You were their for our children as they made their transition to college. We will never forget the time you opened your arms to us in Florida with the students of GVSU. You will be remember and missed greatly. Your life showed us what it was like to walk with our Lord Jesus. Our sympathy to John, Sherry and Tim.##imported-begin##Jim and Connie Krueger##imported-end##

October 23 at 1:46 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I'll always remember Aunt Grace for her contagious smile and laugh, the way she always remembered my name and cared about what was going on in my life. I can't imagine just any 70-something year old fitting in so well with a bunch of college students, but for Aunt Grace it was a natural fit! Heaven just received one of the best! Sherry, John and Tim, my deepest sympathy for your loss. Love you guys...##imported-begin##Jodi Lewis##imported-end##

October 23 at 11:42 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Grace Elizabeth "Aunt Grace"
by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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