



# Olive Elizabeth "Betty" Larson

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Olive Elizabeth "Betty" Larson passed away, Saturday, July 30, 2011 following a short illness. She was born in Baltimore, MD to Stafford Ray and Edna B. (Blackstone) Wallace. Following graduation from high school, Betty attended the University of Wisconsin. She married Leonard M. Larson in Baltimore on March 21, 1947 and he preceded her in death in 1992. The Larson's moved to Muskegon in 1962. Mrs. Larson was employed for the Mona Shores Public School District for more than 25 years, first at Maple Grove Middle School, then retiring in 1991 from the North Shore Middle School. She was a member of St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church and was a former volunteer at Hackley Hospital and International Aid. Mrs. Larson is survived by her: three children, Janice (Sam Bartolotta) Larson of Rochester, NY, Philip (Debra) Larson of Norton Shores and Steven (Eloise) Larson of Weed, CA; four grandchildren, Kelly & Emily Larson and Amy & Jill Hansen; and two great-grandchildren Harper & Elijah.



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Janice, Steve and Phil, It is so sad to lose a parent, but when the last one is gone, no matter you age, you feel like an orphan. It does get easier. Your mom was great and put up with having me there almost constantly. I think of her often.##imported-begin##Karen Cassidy Gorewit##imported-end##

August 5 at 10:17 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Janice, I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Your mother always made me feel welcome in your house, and I have many nice memories of her.##imported-begin##Mary Jo (Melrose) Cox##imported-end##

August 3 at 9:08 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Betty: the soft-spoken, perfect lady who I rarely see today, was an inspiration to so many. It didn't matter if you were an old or new friend. Betty treated everyone with respect and kindness. She had many admirers who mourn her passing, but know she was an example of the better person we would all like to be.##imported-begin##Fran Boyden##imported-end##

August 2 at 1:32 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Gee, I was just thinking of Aunt Sis yesterday, remembering hiking through the sand-dunes with her. My husband Wayne remembers too, even though it has been something like 15-20 years since we actually saw her. We shared cards over the years, which was how we realized that we were both supporters of the National Wildlife Foundation. I really admired her honesty (which she delivered tactfully), fun-loving and optimistic nature, love of nature, and common sense. I'll miss her. My condolences to you all, Jan, Steve, Phil, and your spouses/kids.##imported-begin##Peggy Wallace##imported-end##

August 2 at 11:02 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Your mother was already working at Maple Grove when Larry started teaching there in the fall of 1968. She followed the staff to North Shores when it opened. She never said an unkind word about anyone except the horrible principal they had after Mr. Jelier!! We helped plan her retirement party. When Larry was diagnosed with cancer and needed transportation daily for treatment, Betty was one of the retirees who volunteered to drive us there. She was a wonderful lady and we will miss her.##imported-begin##Larry & Nancy Medema##imported-end##

August 1 at 6:11 PM



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