



# **Mrs. Eva Tutak Houseman**

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## **Mrs. Eva Tutak Houseman**

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**M**rs. Eva Tutak Houseman, age 52, loving wife and mother, passed away at her home on Saturday, March 10, 2012 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born in Hart, MI on December 12, 1959 to Edward and Geraldine (Alten) Tutak. Eva graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelors of Education and from Grand Valley University with a Masters of Administration. She had been employed by Newaygo County Regional Educational Service Agency as Director of Special Education. Eva was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church where she was actively involved in the prison ministry, teaching second grade CCD classes and was in charge of organizing the giving tree. She enjoyed watching sports and playing softball and soccer. On June 16, 1984, she married Robert J. Houseman in Rothbury, MI and he survives her along with their children, Jenell (Robert) Swick and Brandon (Sasha) Houseman; 1 grandson, Mason Winfield Swick; 1 brother, Kenneth Tutak; 5 sisters, Gwen (Jim) Young, Cindy McDonald, Jackie Tutak, Maria (Roy) Ramey, Anna (Van) VanGuilder; and several nieces and nephews. The MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL will be celebrated 11:00 AM Thursday at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. Anthony Britto presiding and Rev. Fr. Michael P. Olson concelebrating. VISITATION will be from 2-4 & 6-8PM Wednesday at The Lee Chapel, 6291 S. Harvey St., 231-798-1100 with the ROSARY prayed at 6:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, please consider the Eva Houseman Special Education Endowment Fund or Harbor Hospice.



# Events

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## Visitation

 **Wednesday**, March 14, 2012

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET


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

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



## Rosary Service

 **Wednesday**, March 14, 2012

 6:00 PM ET

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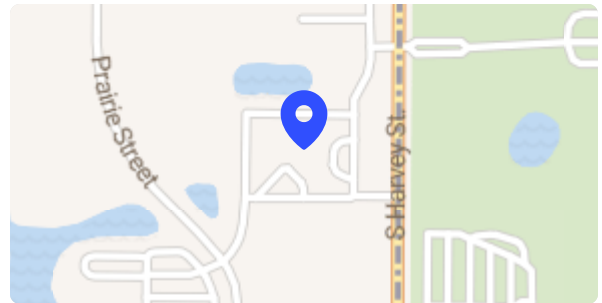
## Visitation

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 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

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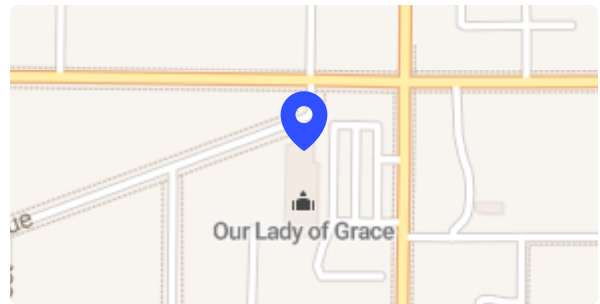
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### Mass of Christian Burial

 **Thursday**, March 15, 2012

 11:00 AM ET

 **Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church**  
451 S. Getty St., Muskegon MI 49442





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DL

**Donna Lamar** posted:

Eva was a lion in the world. She gave and had an incredible courageous heart that cared for everyone. She gave and loved and never gave up. I will miss her as will others. My prayers are with all of you.

March 18 at 2:06 PM

JL

**Jolee Laster** posted:

I met Eva when I began working for Newaygo Public Schools. She was an extraordinary person who has certainly enriched my life and will forever be a part of my Synergy family. She will always hold a special place in my heart. Eva, you will be missed by many.

March 15 at 4:26 PM

JW

**Joe & Cindy Wolff** posted:

Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Joe & Cindy Wolff

March 15 at 7:52 AM

TK

**Tim Korthase** posted:

Houseman Family Thru the years here in Montague there were always a small group of student that merged into the NBC school From St James School in 6 grade. I was in Eva's class and in Montague until she moved on to MCC. This always created a connection when we crossed paths. I just wished I would have apologized for giving her mom such a hard time in 3rd grade at St James. She knows now, probably planning with her mom how to mess with me, Chris Hissong, The Cagney twins, Deon McArthur and the others. I don't even know what to say but there will be a part missing now for me and a so much larger one from her Family. Just know Eva will be remembered in our house. Tim Korthase

March 15 at 6:54 AM

MB

**Mike Bollenbacher** posted:

To the Houseman Family: We are very sorry for your loss. God be with You all in this sorrowful time. The Bollenbachers

March 15 at 5:24 AM



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LS

**Lori Vanderleest Skowronski** posted:

My thoughts and prayers to the family in this difficult time. I had many great times and adventures with Eva through our teenage years. She will be greatly missed, but live in my heart and memories until we meet again.

March 15 at 3:32 AM

DH

**Diane L. Hansen** lit a candle in honor of Eva.

Eva, an evening star. A constant and brilliant beacon amidst a constellation called "the Guides". An extraordinary person, approachable staff director, inspirational mentor and a model teacher of children with special needs. An illuminated champion for all of us who reach, teach and guide a multitude of deserving students. Thanks will never say enough. Your guidance given freely to others will forever be a bright reminder in the heavens. Eva, an brilliant evening star.



March 14 at 7:31 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Houseman family.



March 14 at 4:26 AM

CH

**Catherine Hearth** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Houseman family.



March 14 at 4:25 AM

PK

**Pastor Brian Kyle** lit a candle in honor of Eva.

Prayers for God's peace for you as a family. Pastor Brian Kyle



March 13 at 12:54 PM



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KW

**Kevin Woods** posted:

My prayers are with Bob and the children at Eva's passing. But know that she will be watching over you in a very special way. Until you see her again, may the Lord hold her in the palm of His hand. Kevin Woods

March 13 at 12:52 PM

SV

**Sherri Schuitema-Vanderwier** posted:

WOW....gone such a short time and look at all of the people missing you already! You were obviously a wonderful person in life to have so many people touched by your death. My thoughts, prayers and sympathy go out to all of your family. God Bless you, Eva! Sherri Schuitema-VanderWier

March 13 at 11:55 AM

KC

**Karan Waterman Calvin** posted:

my deepest sympathy to eva's family and to her siblings and their families. i would always ask cindy when i saw her how all of you were. you girls were the best babysitters i ever had. karan waterman calvin

March 13 at 10:50 AM

CH

**Catherine Hearth** posted:

My dear sweet Eva. You will always be in my heart. You started out as my boss, but it didn't take long and we were friends. You were always there for me. You fought cancer for a long time, but never complained. You came to work everyday. You worried about all your staff. You went out of your way to make sure we were doing okay. Eva I am trying hard to be strong like you always were. If I could talk to you just one more time I would tell you how much I love you. How much I learned from you. You will always be with me. I just want your family to know how sorry I am for their lose. Thank you Bob, Jenell, Brandon and all of Eva's extended family for sharing her with all of us. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you in such a difficult time. Eva I know you are in heaven right now and you have no more cancer. You are an angel looking down on all of us. Until we meet again you will always be in my hearth. I love you dear friend. Catherine Hearth

March 13 at 10:09 AM



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BS

**Bobbie Springer** posted:

My prayers are with all of you. Bobbie Springer

March 13 at 8:10 AM

JW

**Jan Weckstein** posted:

I was fortunate to have an opportunity to chat with Eva sometimes through MAASE. Words do an injustice in explaining how much she will be missed. Please know that thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. Sincerely, Jan Weckstein

March 13 at 6:35 AM

JT

**Jackie Tutak** posted:

Eva, Your sense of humor never ceased to amaze me! I'll never forget the time you hid under my bed and scarred me to pieces. I was so afraid I couldn't even scream.. We laughed and laughed about it. It has been comforting reading all of the beautiful things people are saying about you. I knew these wonderful things about you all along. God's blessing to all of the family. Love Jackie

March 13 at 6:24 AM

CG

**Carolyn Smith-Gerdes** posted:

Remembering Eva is remembering that love is "what you do." May we all be inspired to love as she loved in actions, thought and word. Bob, Brandon, Jenell and family: God bless you, comfort you and send you all the peace you need. Love, Carolyn Smith-Gerdes

March 13 at 5:23 AM

MW

**Mary West** lit a candle in honor of Eva.

Eva will be remembered as a courageous woman who touched the lives of so many. Her compassion and love of teaching inspired those who had the privilege of knowing and working with her. May God's love bring you comfort. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Mary West, Teacher who worked part time at NCRESA

March 12 at 5:47 PM





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DK

**Deborah Koepke** posted:

I am a member of the MAASE organization Eva belonged to. I work in the neighboring ISD of Montcalm. I have know Eva for many years and would often talk to her about the battle she was going through. It was always difficult to do but she always thanked me for asking about the details. I wore her pink braclet to show my support for her struggle. She was a lovely woman and is now at peace in a wonderful place where is no more pain or sorrow. I pray that God will give those who are left behind and grieving, His comfort and strength. With Sympathy, Deb Koepke

March 12 at 3:54 PM

LB

**Larry And Jane Bednarz** posted:

Eva was truly one of God's shining lights in the world. She will be greatly missed by so many. It was truly a priviledge to have known her. Our lives were better because of her. We will always treasure our memories of her.

March 12 at 3:35 PM

TL

**Teresita Long** posted:

Eva will be sorely missed - her kindness and advocacy for students with special needs were admirable. My deepest sympathies to the family. Teresita Long Michigan Department of Education

March 12 at 2:06 PM

JE

**Jo And Lucrezia Esteban** lit a candle in honor of Eva.

We will miss Eva's smile and love of others at OLG's annual Spaghetti Dinner. You could always find her and Bob volunteering in the Music Tent! Thank you God for sharing her with us, she was an inspiration to all who knew her. Jo and Lucrezia Esteban



March 12 at 11:31 AM

DM

**Denise Matthews** posted:

On behalf of the Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School Family, we extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of the late Mrs. Eva Tutak Houseman. We are here if you need us.

March 12 at 11:17 AM



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**Kim Love-Hall** lit a candle in honor of Eva.  
We're here for you Bob, whenever you need us.

March 12 at 10:45 AM



**Harbor Hospice** posted:

We send our sincere sympathy to your family. We are here to support you in your time of loss – today and for as long as you need us. – The Staff of Harbor Hospice.

March 12 at 10:39 AM



**Joan Erdman-Schultz** posted:

The angels are always near to those who are grieving, to whisper to them that their loved ones are safe in the hands of God.

March 12 at 10:32 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Heavenly Heights Bouquet to the Houseman family.

March 12 at 9:08 AM



**U.S. Marshal Service, Marquette** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Houseman family.

March 12 at 8:43 AM



**Lisa Burcham** March 12 at 1:31 PM

One of the kindest administrators I ever worked for. Every experience with her was positive and always in the best interest of students. Lisa Burcham



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WG

**Wendi Gibbs** posted:

Eva was truly a blessing to this world. She stood for all that was right and was one of the strongest advocates I know. Her passion for teenagers and making sure that each individual was given every chance to succeed was amazing. I remember talking with her after many meetings we sat on together. She would smile and say "everything will be good Wendi.. and then she would give me one of the most genuine hugs. I always walked away with such an appreciation and profound respect for her. I have been blessed beyond measure to have been able to be a part of her journey and her a part of mine.

March 12 at 7:42 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

May Gods Light shine upon you Eva. You will be missed.

March 12 at 7:28 AM

JK

**Jami Kordecki** sent a virtual gift in honor of Eva.

We are so sorry to hear of Eva's passing. We are out of town this week but have you all in our thought and prayers.Tim & Jami Kordecki

March 12 at 7:25 AM



LI

**Larry Ivens** posted:

Eva:I want you to know how fortunate I feel to have worked with you on the NCRESA team. You have lived, loved, raised a family, and been such a wonderful advocate for our special populations. You have earned so much respect and admiration from those you have touched with your service, kindness, charity, and love. Many of us at NCRESA hold cherished memories of you. You have born your crosses with determination and dignity until nothing more could be asked of you. I pray that God keeps you in his loving embrace now and forever.

March 12 at 6:28 AM

SG

**Shelly Ghezzi** posted:

Bob, I am so sorry for your loss. You and the kids will be in my thoughts and prayer.Shelly Ghezzi

March 12 at 5:38 AM



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CG

**Christine Gottleber** posted:

In all of the years that I have known Eva, she has had a real passion for children with special needs. She always had a smile and positive attitude and treated her illness as an inconvenience and not a barrier to doing the work she loved. She was an amazing woman and we are all better off having had her in our lives. God's Blessings to all of you. Chris Gottleber

March 12 at 4:33 AM

TT

**Tony Thaxton** posted:

Dear Robert and kids, Not sure if you know me but I've known Eva for many years and at countless MAASE meetings. I am so sorry for your loss and please accept my deepest sympathy. Eva's friendship and presence at MAASE will be sorely missed. Tony Thaxton Friend and MAASE Executive Director

March 12 at 4:03 AM

MA

**Mike Anderson** posted:

To Eva's family! I am sorry to hear of the loss of your mother and wife. Eva touched many people and especially, hundreds and hundreds of children, thru out the years. Newaygo county children, and all of our schools are better off because of her. I knew Eva for many years, and she always had the time to chat with you and to listen to your life. We had talked about this life and what laid beyond in eternity to come. Eva had a strong faith and it showed. I know that very soon I will see her again, as will all of those that put their faith in Christ alone. I believe she is at peace as she walks with the Angels in Heaven and see's the glory of God. Thank you God, and Eva's family for sharing her with all of us. Until we meet again Mike Anderson & family

March 12 at 3:48 AM

SM

**Sarah Mottashed** lit a candle in honor of Eva.

Thank you for your presence in the world. You touched so many lives and I am honored to have been able to experienced your light!

March 12 at 2:29 AM





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AS

**Amanda Swift** lit a candle in honor of Eva.

I will always remeber all the fun times we had w her growing up. Pool parties at our house"the ficks" , camping trips, trips to the muesums and zoos. I will always remeber you , my thgts and prayers to the Houseman Family from the Swift Family.

March 12 at 1:48 AM



MK

**Mark & Laura King** posted:

Now you may spread your wings and fly beautiful angel. You will never be forgotten. Peace and Blessings to the Houseman family.

March 12 at 1:40 AM

BC

**Beth, Frank And Marc Carrozza** posted:

Bob, Jenell, Brandon and family,Just so enjoyed knowing Eva. Lovely person and always so upbeat. Thanks for sharing her with us. She will be missed.Beth, Frank and Marc Carrozza

March 11 at 5:36 PM

DM

**~David & Cheryl-Marie Manson** posted:

Beautiful role model, friend and inspiration. You will be greatly missed, Eva.

March 11 at 5:05 PM

CA

**Christopher D. Aebig** lit a candle in honor of Eva.

Eva was a remarkable person with a big heart. She will be missed but she will never be gone from our hearts. RIP Eva..

March 11 at 5:05 PM



KR

**Kathy Robart** lit a candle in honor of Eva.

So sorry for your loss. Though I didn't know Eva personally I have gotten to know her through other family members. May you find peace in the days ahead as you endure this loss in your lives. Kathy Robart

March 11 at 2:29 PM





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**Anonymous** posted:

The Scott Anderson family sends our love, hugs, and prayers to all. Eva will be greatly missed.

March 11 at 2:19 PM



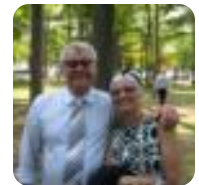
**Jon And Sharon Leonard** posted:

Bob, just heard about Eva's passing and am so sorry to hear this news. We are in Texas but know that our thoughts are with you during this most difficult time. Jon and Sharon Leonard

March 11 at 2:17 PM



**Jamie & Teresa Helmer** shared an album called **New Album Name**.



March 11 at 2:08 PM



**Leann Smith** posted:

You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Scott & Leann Smith

March 11 at 11:48 AM



**Joan Erdman-Schultz** March 12 at 8:03 AM

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## Media

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**Jamie & Teresa Helmer** shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.

March 11 at 2:08 PM





# Memories only last if you share them

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



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