



Anne Francis

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Anne Francis, age 85, of West Olive passed away Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at a local care facility. She was born October 19, 1923, in Marion, IN, to Charles and Violet Rose (Boxel) Ferguson, and she married LeRoy H. Francis, Sr. on May 4, 1949 in Grand Haven. He preceded her in death on February 17, 1990.

Anne was employed at Lifesavers in Holland for 15 years and retired in 1988. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and she enjoyed bingo, bowling, crocheting, gardening, watching and feeding wildlife.

She is lovingly remembered by 5 daughters: Linda (Jack) Start of Wyoming, MI, Susan (Jim) Lonnee of Pekin, IL, Patricia Eble of Holland, Rene Sibley of Muskegon, and Carrie Jayne of Grand Junction, CO; 4 sons: LeRoy M. (Jean) Francis, Jr. of Stedman, NC, Ronald R. (Johanna) Francis of Hudsonville, John W. (Sheryl) Francis of Grand Rapids, and Kirk A. (June) Francis of Holland; 25 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, LeRoy; 2 daughters, Anna Pennington, and Carol Francis; sons-in-law Gary Sibley and Robert Jayne; a sister, Myrna DeVries; and 2 brothers, Joseph and Sherman Ferguson.

The Funeral Mass for Anne will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 29, 2009 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grand Haven with Rev. William Langlois as celebrant. Friends may meet the family from 5-8 p.m. Sunday, June 28, at VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home in Grand Haven with a scripture service beginning at 7:30 p.m. Interment will be in Historic Cemetery. Memorials to St. Patrick's Catholic Church are appreciated. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at www.vbkfuneralhome.com.

The family is being served by VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home of Grand Haven.



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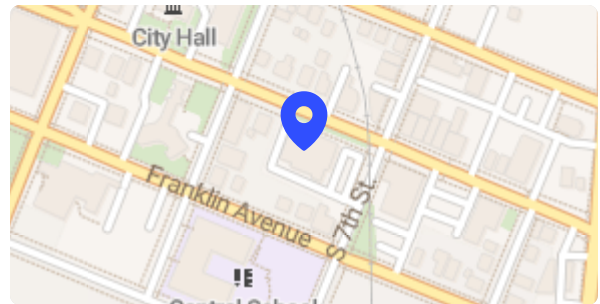
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Visitation

 **Sunday**, June 28, 2009


 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET


 **Grand Haven Chapel**
620 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven MI

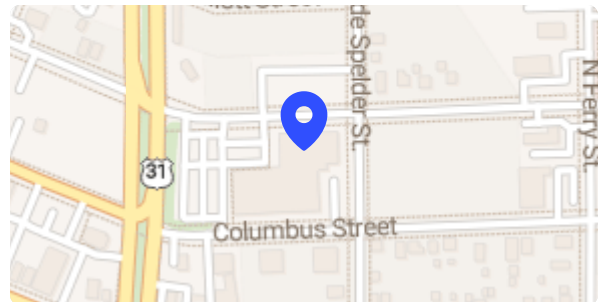


Service

 **Monday**, June 29, 2009

 10:30 AM ET

 **St. Patrick - St. Anthony Catholic Church**
920 Fulton St., Grand Haven MI





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Anonymous posted:

I had lost all contact with this side of my family for a number of years until a friend in Spring Lake came across the obituary for Aunt Anne in the local paper. Of my memories of being young and spending most Sundays with the family at their West Olive home, I will never forget the fried chicken Aunt Anne made. It was the best ever, I will never know how she made it but I can remember it was golden brown, crispy and cooked to perfection. I cannot even remember what else she served with the chicken only the chicken. I can remember I was always welcomed for the meals even though there were a lot of cousins at the Francis house. It was good to renew some of the old days with a conversation with Ron this week. Clive (Butch) Francis

July 10 at 5:41 PM



Anonymous posted:

Oh what wonderful memories of your mother and your family and our life on Stanton Street. The corn roasts :), the Halloweens with LifeSaver candy, the warmth and friendship. When we first came to this neighborhood they reached out to us and were always there for us. What a great mother and father you had. You are blessed. Pat Austin

July 2 at 9:09 PM



Anonymous posted:

as the mother of three of Ann's grandchildren I am so sorry for her and your loss. I lost my own mother this week and my heart has been made even sadder. As Ann was a very loving woman and I loved her so. God bless all of you. Debra Francis

June 28 at 6:42 AM



Anonymous posted:

I've talked to person after person that new Mom. Time after time I heard the same thing was said, "What a wonderful person she was" "She was such a beautiful lady" and they're all true. I need to add that she was the best mother any child could have. She was fun, funny, and taught us how to treat others right. I'll miss her more than I could put into words. Love You Mom!!! Kirk Francis

June 27 at 6:27 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Ron and Johanna and Family You are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Not to long ago we were in the same place you are today. Know that God is with you to help you threw all this.##imported-begin##Brock and Jana Bailey##imported-end##

June 27 at 4:50 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am sorry for your lost. I remenber going over to her house to play and spend the night . it was good thime,s well miss her.love lisa God blease you \$ flamily##imported-begin##Lisa weideman##imported-end##

June 27 at 10:21 AM



Anonymous posted:

I'm Free Don't grieve for me,for now I'm free. I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard him call. I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day to laugh, to love, to work or play, I found that peace at close of day. If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy.A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, ah, yes, these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow . My life's been full, I've savored much, good friends, good times,a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your hearts and share with me. God wanted me now; He set me free. This poem brought our family a small amount of comfort at the passing of our mother who was laid to rest the day your mother passed into heaven, I hope it can do the same for you .##imported-begin##Melissa Johnston Waskin##imported-end##

June 27 at 5:38 AM



Anonymous posted:

The best five years of my life was spent living with Grandma out on Stanton. I remember the McDonald's Chicken Nuggets, the Nutty Bars and the Raspberys that Grandma used to so loving share. She taught me how to eat a burger with no bun and that ranch dressing on cottage cheese is really good. For some reason she always remembered me when at the same time forgot who some of her other grand children were. Maybe it was because I reminded her so much of my dear mom.##imported-begin##Sara Jane Pennington##imported-end##

June 26 at 9:07 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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