



Sylvia M. Vink

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Sylvia Maxine Vink, age 87, of Grand Haven passed away unexpectedly, Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at her home. She was born June 8, 1923, in Grand Haven, to Louis H. and Harriet (Fisher) Breitels. She married Leslie Vink on December 10, 1943, in Grand Haven, and he preceded her in death on May 10, 2003.

Sylvia was a lifelong resident of Grand Haven and had owned and operated “Sylvia’s Beauty Studio” for 30 years. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, and active as a Deaconess, Circle leader, usher, and active in discipleship classes. She was a member of the Bell Choir, conducted church services at several area nursing homes, and Moderator of Presbyterian Women’s Association. Sylvia was a former member of the Spring Lake Country Club, and co-chaired the Spring Lake Women’s Invitational Golf Tournament. She taught Ball Room dancing, along with Cornelius “Corky” Beukema for 18 years. She loved being with her family and friends.

She will be lovingly remembered by her daughter, Jeanne (Jack) Van Gelderen of Nunica; a son, Steven L. of Grand Haven; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Laura (David) Zwart, Jonah, Jacob, Noelle, and Hope; Denise (Matthew) Christiansen, Jeremy, Jessica, and baby girl Kristina; Kristin (Matthew) Broda; and Nathan (Victoria) Vink, Julien; a sister, Gwen Engleright of Nagshead, NC; a brother, Louis (Mary) Breitels of Spring Lake; and numerous special nieces and nephews.

The service for Sylvia will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 30, 2011, at First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven with Rev. Thomas Cook officiating. Friends may meet the family on Tuesday, March 29, from 2-4 and 6-8 PM at VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home in Grand Haven. Memorial contributions in memory of Sylvia may be made to the First Presbyterian Church Fund. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at www.vbkfuneralhome.com.



Events

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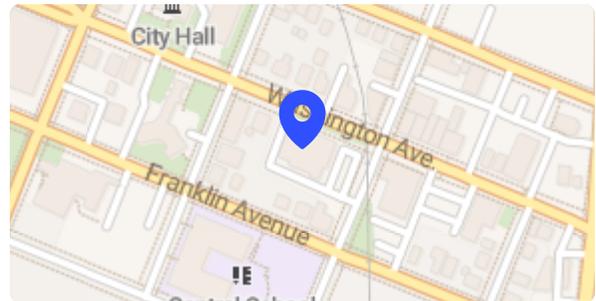
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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, March 29, 2011

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

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

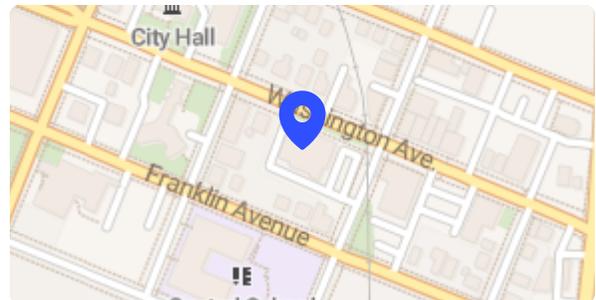


Visitation

 **Tuesday**, March 29, 2011

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

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

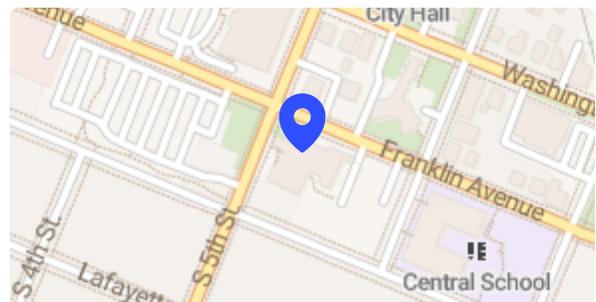


Service

 **Wednesday**, March 30, 2011

 11:00 AM ET

 **First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven**
508 Franklin, Grand Haven MI





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Anonymous posted:

My sympathies go out to all the Vink family as I remember what a wonderful person Sylvia was. She is remembered fondly.##imported-begin##Shirley Sampier##imported-end##

April 17 at 8:28 AM



Anonymous posted:

Steve, Please accept my deepest condolences on the loss of your Mother. I know this time is hard for you and just want you to know that I am thinking about you. A loss of a parent is difficult as we both know. See you soon back in GH my friend.##imported-begin##Kevin Crowe##imported-end##

April 6 at 1:50 PM



Anonymous posted:

Aunt Syl made such a difference in so many lives. I have such wonderful memories. She was so special. We were out of town and I am so sorry I missed the gathering. Thinking of you. Love Ginny.##imported-begin##Ginny##imported-end##

April 3 at 7:09 AM



Anonymous posted:

We express our deep and sincere sympathy to you. We were out of town at the time of Sylvia's passing. She was a fine person and always so friendly and will surely be missed by many in our community. Our thoughts are with you at this time. John (Greg) and Claire Bryson##imported-begin##john G and Claire E Bryson##imported-end##

April 2 at 7:04 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Steve and family. i was so sad to read of your mother's passing. she was a delightful woman. she was always so excited when she came into my store at Christmas and to tell me about all of you getting together for the holiday. she will be missed....God Bless!!##imported-begin##kim vukovich---clothes loft##imported-end##

March 30 at 2:34 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Sylvia was such a wonderful example of a Christian woman. She always had a beautiful smile on her face and a welcome hug, I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to get to know her and to study God's word with her. She will be missed at First Presbyterian Church, but how wonderful to know she is safely home with her precious Lord. Praying for her family as they mourn her loss here but celebrate her homegoing.##imported-begin##Sandy Green##imported-end##

March 30 at 9:56 AM



Anonymous posted:

Our deepest sympathy to you, Steve and your family.##imported-begin##Mark & Sue Frifeldt##imported-end##

March 30 at 7:46 AM



Anonymous posted:

My sympathy to you and your family.##imported-begin##REGINA FISCHER COOPER##imported-end##

March 30 at 3:40 AM



Anonymous posted:

Jeanne and Steve We are both very sorry that your mother passed away so unexpectedly.##imported-begin##Peter and Earl Butcher Orlando Fl.##imported-end##

March 29 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Steve, Sorry to read of your Mother's passing. I'm sure you will miss her greatly--just remember all the great years you had her near.I remember the last time I saw you was when you visited me following my mother's death. It was appreciated.Dick Bunker##imported-begin##Dick Bunker##imported-end##

March 29 at 12:43 PM



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Anonymous posted:

We took dance lessons with Sylvia and Corky. Sylvia was a fun and energetic teacher. WE enjoyed getting to know her and will miss seeing her smiling face. Our sympathy to the family. Paul and Sharon Haight##imported-begin##Paul and Sharon Haight##imported-end##

March 29 at 10:28 AM



Anonymous posted:

Len and I have enjoyed getting to know Sylvia again since we joined First Pres in Grand Haven. She was everywhere...collecting Sunday collections, playing in the bell choir, smiling and chatting at the after service gatherings. We first admired her dancing ability when taking Corky's classes. She was a favorite relative of my mom's [Alice Vink Gringhuis]. She will be missed! Our sympathy to the family. God bless you. We are sorry we cannot attend her funeral as we are in Hawaii.##imported-begin##len and Wanda Anderson##imported-end##

March 29 at 10:17 AM



Anonymous posted:

What fun I had with you, Jeanne, and Sylvia at bowling on Thurs. mornings. I remember Sylvia getting ansey about this time of the year to go golfing and it was hard for her to do the last few bowling days. I sure loved your mom and had great times, laughing with her and you.##imported-begin##Rosa Bice##imported-end##

March 29 at 6:41 AM



Anonymous posted:

We appreciate what a happy and fun loving home Sylvia made for her family and friends. She was the best Grandma and Great Grandma to our children. Our prayers are with you. We will all miss her. Betty and Case Zwart, Ontario, CA.##imported-begin##BETTY AND CASE ZWART##imported-end##

March 28 at 5:44 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Our Love and Sympathy Jeanne and Steve and families. I have many fun memories of staying with Uncle bud and Aunt Syl when they lived at "the Oval". Thinking of you. Dan & Judy##imported-begin##Dan and Judy (Vink) Tibbe##imported-end##

March 28 at 3:31 PM



Anonymous posted:

to the family of sylvia all of you have our deepest thoughts sympathy and prayers over your great loss sylvia was a great lady who will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her love and prayers stan & jan smart##imported-begin##STAN & JAN smart##imported-end##

March 28 at 3:13 PM



Anonymous posted:

Steve and all of your Family. Steve we both lost great friends on the same day as you well no. You are all in my prayers and I will see you at the funeral home. Take care and keep the "Faith". If you need anything at all just contact me at anything time and I will do whatever your entire family needs are. Take care, "Uncle Fred"##imported-begin##"Uncle Fred" LeMieux##imported-end##

March 28 at 8:36 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Steve, We will always remember Sylvia's smile and her dedication to the SLCC Women's Invitational tournament. It was a pleasure to learn from her experience and enjoy her company.##imported-begin##Donn and Kim Herreman##imported-end##

March 28 at 8:16 AM



Anonymous posted:

We are former students of Sylvia and Corky and will always remember her for her patience with us. Sylvia, I still can't get into the grapevine!! We will miss you.##imported-begin##Tom and Grace Montambo##imported-end##

March 27 at 7:39 PM



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Anonymous posted:

This is such a loss to everyone who knew her.##imported-begin## Susan Turpin Toth##imported-end##

March 27 at 11:16 AM



Anonymous posted:

Jeanne & family. Every Tuesday toward the end of our bowling session, there you were, on the telephone with your mom, making final arrangements for your "Tuesday lunch" together. I so admired the special bond and closeness you and your mom obviously had. What very special memories you will have to carry you through. We are praying for you and your family. Gayle Sedlock##imported-begin## Gayle Sedlock##imported-end##

March 27 at 10:13 AM



Anonymous posted:

Jeanne, Jack, Steve and family, It was my privilege to meet your Mom late in 2009, this vibrant woman whose name I had seen all over the golf records at Spring Lake CC! Was there anything she couldn't do well? As with so many, she immediately added me to her "hug list". I loved her warmth, humor and giving heart. She will be greatly missed.##imported-begin## Marva Netherland##imported-end##

March 26 at 6:29 PM



Anonymous posted:

We all have lost a devoted woman who had so much energy, care and concerns and it always came with a warm embrace and a smile. Sylvia, you will be forever missed but we know you're dancing with Les.. The world was indeed a better place because Sylvia was in it. God Bless your family.##imported-begin## Ken/Bev MacLeod##imported-end##

March 26 at 3:26 PM



Anonymous posted:

We will always remember her greeting and hugs at Pine St. restaurant on Saturday's and Wednesday's. Sadly missed by all of us.##imported-begin## Jerry and Lany Schoenmaker##imported-end##

March 26 at 7:31 AM



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Anonymous posted:

It was great to know you Sylvia, to play bells next to you and get them wrong or right. God Bless, We'll all miss you.##imported-begin##Rob Andersen##imported-end##

March 26 at 6:31 AM



Anonymous posted:

We will miss our good friend Sylvia who was also a special "Grandma" for our daughters, Amanda,Sarah and Jessica and a special "Great Grandma" for our grand daughter Gwen. She was a special lady for all of us.##imported-begin##Jerry & Dorothy Johnson##imported-end##

March 26 at 3:31 AM



Anonymous posted:

Jeanne and Jack,We are so sorry to hear about the passing of your Mom. Her picture says it all. Such a wonderful smile. May she rest in peace. God be with you.##imported-begin##Lee and Connie Poulin##imported-end##

March 25 at 5:56 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Steve, Very sorry to here about your mom. I hope this finds you well and enjoying your life. It has been a considerable amount of time since last we talked, but I did remember meeting your mother once. Take care and enjoy the day.Jeff Baribeau##imported-begin##Jeff Baribeau##imported-end##

March 25 at 2:23 PM



Anonymous posted:

Carol and I often tell people that dance is our hobby, our exercise program, and our social activity. We would not be able to say that if it weren't for Sylvia's encouragement and patience with us when she and Corky were teaching us how to dance 21 years ago. She was a huge influence on our life. We will miss her.##imported-begin##Bill & Carol Chaddock##imported-end##

March 25 at 2:04 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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