



Rosemary Jane Austin-Lilley

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Rosemary Jane Austin-Lilley, age 79, of Spring Lake passed away Saturday, April 7, 2012, at Heartwood Lodge Hospice House. She was born June 6, 1932, to John and Ruth (Modders) DeBruin in Grand Haven. The former Rosemary DeBruin was married to Don Austin on June 13, 1953. He preceded her in death in September of 1978. She was also preceded in death by her second husband, John Lilley, in November of 2001.

Rosemary worked as a sales representative to the contract furniture industry. She was a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven and Spring Lake Country Club. She was very active in the planning of her Grand Haven High School class reunions. She also loved traveling, playing Bridge, painting, swimming, and her garden. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren, and her friends.

Rosemary is lovingly remembered by her daughter, Jayne (Roger Krese) Austin of Spring Lake; two sons, Don (Sandy) Austin of Spring Lake and Jon (Carolyn) Austin of Grand Haven; five grandchildren, Ashley, Alyssa, Clara, Audrey, and George; brother, Henry (Martha) DeBruin of Arnold, Maryland; sister-in-law, Kathleen (Robert) Lucking of Spring Lake; brother-in-law, Cliff Miles of Midland, Michigan. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Esther Miles and Virginia Whitman; sister-in-law, Lois Christman; two brother-in-laws, James Christman and L. Dale Whitman.

A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven with Rev. Tom Cook officiating. Friends may meet the family on Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. prior to the memorial service. Memorial contributions to First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven or Hospice of North Ottawa Community 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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BS

Beverly Schultz posted:

Dear Jayne, Jon, Don and Families, You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. With deepest sympathy, Jerome, Bev, Randall and Audrey Schultz

April 17 at 7:15 AM

BC

Barrie Christman posted:

Jayne, Jon and Don, So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Sorry also that I could not accompany Doug to the services, given my siblings and I were settling my mother's estate this week. I could always count on Aunt Rosemary to bring a smile and a good time any time she entered a room! Sorry to have missed one last visit with her when we come this summer, but look forward to seeing you all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Barrie Christman

April 14 at 9:25 AM

JB

John G. And Claire E. Bryson posted:

Sincere sympathy to you all. Our prayers and thoughts as well....John G and Claire Bryson

April 12 at 10:57 AM

JD

Janet Dickey sent a Godiva Chocolate Signature Gift Basket to the Austin-Lilley family.



April 11 at 4:04 AM

JD

Janet Dickey posted:

Dear Jayne, Jon & Don, I remember coming to see my Aunt Rosemary and Uncle Don as a warm, fun, and good time. Your Mother was such a loving person. Her kindness and love were so apparent when she was with her family. I enjoyed chatting with her by phone. She shared loving and great memories with me regarding my mother, Esther DeBruin Miles. I'm so sorry that ill health keeps my husband and I from being with you today. Aunt Rosemary- you are remembered with much love. Jan Miles Dickey

April 11 at 3:53 AM



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JD

Janet Dickey sent a virtual gift in honor of Rosemary.



April 11 at 3:47 AM

MR

Mary Romero posted:

Jayne and Roger, I was so upset to hear about your mom, Jayne, she was like my second mother when we were growing up. I remember her always laughing at our teen-age shenanigans, but never being negative about our decisions - always so supportive. You could get her laughing so hard during those years, she had fun with her kids! Some of my best memories were trips with your parents, they treated me like one of the kids. I am sorry that I never go back to GH anymore, haven't for years, but when I think about Michigan you and your mom are always first in my memories. I am planning a trip to GH in Sept. this year, so hopefully we can make a date. Much, much love to all the family, Mary Romero (Boer)

April 10 at 5:27 AM

LO

Lois Ott posted:

My husband Herm and Rosemary were friends, went to school together, and he passed away 4 years ago. I think of her from High School when she worked at a local dairy bar and wish to express my condolences. Our family has lots of ties to her family and all those memories come back to me as I ponder her death. My prayers for her to Jane and Don I'll always have the memories. Lois Ott

April 10 at 4:46 AM

TF

Tim And Wendy Miles And Family sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Austin-Lilley family.



April 9 at 6:10 AM

CN

Colette N. sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Austin-Lilley family.



April 8 at 2:09 PM



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Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Austin-Lilley family.



April 8 at 1:11 PM



Anonymous sent an Exotic Grace to the Austin-Lilley family.



April 8 at 1:01 PM



Mary Krese lit a candle in honor of Rosemary.



April 8 at 12:34 PM



Mary Krese April 8 at 12:42 PM

My deepest sympathy to Roger and Jane. Mom was always the sweetest and concerned with others well being. Now she is with Mom and Dad, saying " you can't beat this eternal rest with the Lord". take care love to you all. Mary e Krese.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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