



# Elaine Cleven

JUN 20, 1930 - FEB 22, 2018



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## **Elaine Clevan**

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**E**laine Clevan, age 87, of Spring Lake passed away Thursday, February 22, 2018 at Heartwood Lodge. She was born June 20, 1930 in St. Joseph to Glenn and Beatrice (Rinehart) Clark. Her husband Alfred W. Evans II passed away in 1973.

Elaine grew up in St. Joseph Michigan. She graduated from Kalamazoo College with a BA in education and met and married Alfred "Bill" Evans. She spent several years as an elementary school teacher and her and Bill moved to Grand Haven in 1962. After his passing Elaine became involved in the retail business working for Steketees of Grand Haven and Linens and Things in Muskegon. She became department manager for three stores. Elaine re-married Cleo Clevan. During their many years together, she spent her time traveling and serving the Tri-Cities community. Elaine's extensive involvement in the community included the Missions Commission with the Church of the Dunes in Grand Haven, Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels, Children's reading with HOSTS and the Ferrysburg Recreation Commission. Elaine was instrumental in saving the Ferrysburg Nature Preserve behind her home and other dune preservation projects. She has scores of awards and certificates in appreciation of her years of service. As a life-time member of the Tri-Cities Garden Club, she served as Vice-President, Co-Vice President and membership chairman. Elaine was heavily involved with flower shows and also served as general chair, publicity chair and flower show judge. She was a charitable donor and member of several non-profits. Elaine loved the outdoors and was passionate about birds, flowers, gardens and wildlife. She also loved the ocean and Lake Michigan and always went to the beaches. Elaine was happiest sitting on her front porch amongst her amazing flowers and gardens. She was always the one to protect nature, as well as people less fortunate.

She is survived by two children, Elizabeth Ayres, and Thomas Evans; sister-in-law, Ruth Clark. She was preceded in death by her brother David Clark and former husband and friend, C.E. Clevan.

A memorial gathering will take place 1-3 PM Thursday March 8, 2018 at the United Methodist Church of the Dunes. Interment will take place in Lake Forest Cemetery. Memorial contributions



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in memory of Elaine may be given to the United Methodist Church of the Dunes. Please sign the family's online guestbook at [www.sytsemafz.com](http://www.sytsemafz.com).





# Events


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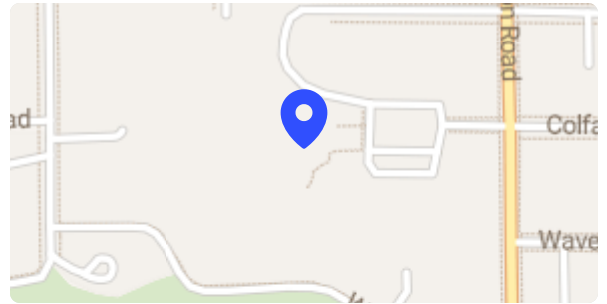
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## Memorial Gathering


 **Thursday**, March 8, 2018

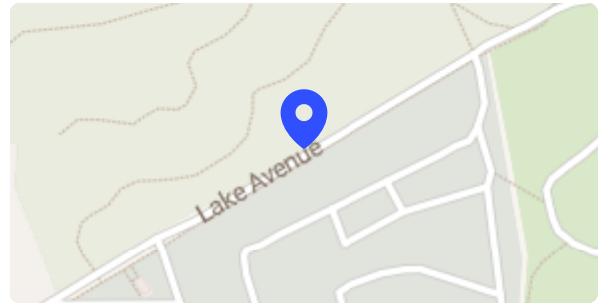
 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

 **United Methodist Church of the Dunes**  
717 Sheldon Rd, Grand Haven MI 49417



## Cemetery Details

 **Lake Forest Cemetery**  
1304 Lake Ave., Grand Haven MI 49417





## Tribute Wall

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JD

**Jp Delass** posted:

Saddened to hear we lost Elaine. She was a loyal customer that we loved to visit with. Our dog, Joey, loved to see Elaine and would often greet her in the parking lot - before she could even get out of her car! I think she came in more to see Joey than to shop! She will be missed by all.

March 2 at 3:23 AM

GS

**Greene's** posted:

We are so very saddened to read of the death of your dear loved one. Please accept my family's heartfelt condolences. Out of all the things that afflict humans, the pain of death is truly indescribable. May you find peace and comfort in knowing that The Almighty God promises in his word The Bible, that shortly He will wipe every tear from our eyes, and death...will be no more.

February 28 at 6:58 AM

ML

**Michael L Fry** posted:

Dear Elaine's Family, My wife, Carol and I, lived next door to Elaine and C.E. from 1988-99. Elaine was a source of encouragement as we raised our two sons and she loved our Springer Spaniel, Odie. We shared many afternoons and evenings on THE FRONT PORCH and meals and holiday gatherings. Elaine was a unique and positive lady and a beloved friend. May our Lord richly bless y'all during this time and during the grief process. Mohawk Drive and the nature preserve are special! The Rev. Dr. Michael Fry (Mike to your MOM, she wasn't into the titles....) Grace Presbyterian Church Houston, TX

February 27 at 7:34 AM

LA

**Len & Wanda Anderson** March 19 at 7:09 AM

We have so many fond memories of Elaine & her family. Bill helping with gardening, Elaine's father whistling, Liz & Bill. Our children were younger, but the neighborhood welcomed us with open arms. You have our sincere sympathy.



# **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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