



Mrs. Leona M. Hershberger

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Leona Hershberger passed away peacefully Thursday afternoon, January 17, 2019, just three months shy of her 102nd birthday. She was born in Muskegon, MI on April 15, 1917 to George and Hazel (Linstrom) Pulsifer. She lived all her life in the Muskegon area.

Leona was the eldest of seven children and attended Bunker School in the Lakeside area. When she was a teenager, Leona learned to play the guitar. She met Claude Hershberger on a blind date through mutual friends, and they were married May 25, 1935, at Wood Avenue Methodist Church in Muskegon.

Leona and Claude loved camping and traveling and were members of the Happy Wanderers chapter of the TTCM. Leona was a 50-year member. They visited all 50 states, most of the Canadian provinces, as well as Mexico, England and Scotland. She also took several trips and cruises with her siblings. Leona's hobbies were gardening and sewing, and she made many beautiful quilts which she gave as gifts. Leona and Claude loved to play cards, and Leona was the last surviving original member of the 500 Club. She was a long-time member of Crestwood United Methodist Church. Survivors include one son, David Hershberger; one daughter, Jean Dusenberry; seven grandchildren – Arinda Davis, Ross Hershberger (Gina Tuskey), Marianne Hersh-Tudor, Christopher Hershberger (Janet), Jennifer McGeen (Daniel), Dr. Jeffrey Hershberger (Alice), and James Dusenberry; six great-grandchildren, Beatrice Hersh-Tudor, Jacqueline Bohne, Aaron Dusenberry, Jordan Dusenberry, Kylie Dusenberry, and Jacob Dusenberry. Leona is also survived by one sister, Ruth Heimann, along with many nieces and nephews.

Leona was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Claude; sisters Dorothy Pulsifer, Mona Pulsifer and Blanche Nicholes; brothers Robert Pulsifer and Richard Pulsifer; brothers-in-law Benjamin Heimann and Harvey Nicholes; sisters-in-law Katherine Pulsifer and Joyce Pulsifer; and daughter-in-law Yvonne Misailedes.



Obituary

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The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM Tuesday, January 22, at Crestwood United Methodist Church, 1120 Creston St., Muskegon, with Pastor Jennifer Wheeler officiating. Burial will take place at Elbridge Cemetery in Oceana County. Visitation at The Sytsema Chapel, 737 Apple Ave., (231) 726-5210, will be Monday, January 21, from 5-7 PM, and one hour prior to the service at church. You may visit the family's online guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com Contributions in memory of Mrs. Hershberger may be made to Crestwood United Methodist Church.



Events

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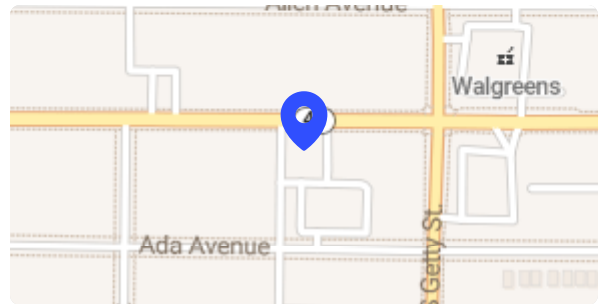
Visitation

Monday, January 21, 2019

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Sytsema Chapel

737 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon MI 49442



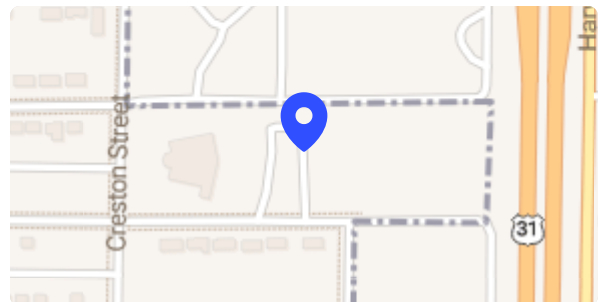
Visitation

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

Crestwood United Methodist Church

1220 Creston, Muskegon MI 49442



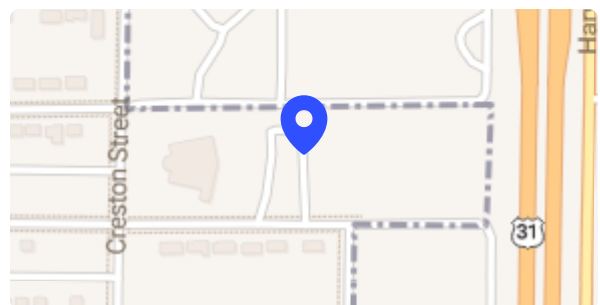
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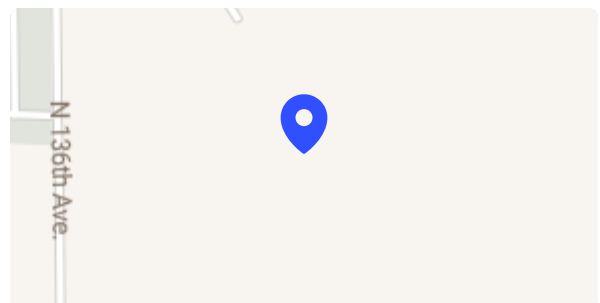
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Cemetery Details

Elbridge Cemetery

2491 E. Polk Rd., Hart MI 49420





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RH

Rick L Hershberger posted:

Your family was truly blessed to have Leona in their lives for nearly 102 years. From all accounts she was a wonderful lady who positively effected many, many lives with her grace and beauty. Although I never met this lovely lady, her name is the same as my mother's, Leona M Hershberger, who passed away in January of 2017 at the young age of 92. So sorry for your loss.

February 9 at 8:43 AM

CH

Carole F Heimann posted:

Thinking of everyone at this sad time. Aunt Leona was a wonderful person and she will be really missed. Sending our thoughts, love and prayers. Chuck & Carole Heimann

January 20 at 3:44 PM

AL

Alyce lit a candle in honor of Leona.

Leona (Gram) has been in my life for several years. I met her when she was assigned to my former company for some services and we continued to be friends. I always found inspiration in what she was able to accomplish and still live on her own well up in to her 90's. I hated to see her go to a home almost as much as she did.



January 19 at 4:45 PM

BM

Barb Mink January 20 at 2:08 PM

Rich and I send our condolences to her family. We met Leona on Orchard Views trips. I worked with her daughter Jean. Barb



Memories only last if you share them

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



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