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Dolores “Babe” Moon, resident of Twin Lake, MI, formerly of Fremont, MI, passed away after a brief illness on Friday, January 17, 2020 at the age of 94 at the Poppen Residence of Harbor Hospice. Babe was born in Muskegon Heights, MI to William and Esther Manchester on March 25, 1925. She was raised in the Heights where she met and later married Erwin (EB) Moon on January 25, 1947. In 1949, she gave birth to their only daughter, Kay Marie. Besides being a devoted wife and mother, Babe loved to play Bingo and travel ANYWHERE! Her zest for life amazed her family and friends and was an inspiration to live life to its fullest. She will be forever remembered and loved by her daughter Kay (James) Kennedy of Twin Lake; grandchildren, Heath (Julie) Lynnes of North Muskegon, Candice (Scott) Slizewski of Fremont, and step grandsons, Kurt (LeeAnn) Moul of Cedar Springs and Tim Moul of Kalamazoo; great-grandchildren, Kendra, Ethan, Lily Hansen; Mackinzie Lynnes; Drake Roesler; Olivia and Gavin Moul; Brayden and Allison Moul. Babe will also be remembered fondly by nieces and nephews, Robin “Cubby” Speese, Floyd Ryan, Jim (Sue) Jones, Jennifer (David) Courterier, and Carolyn Policha along with numerous great- and great-great-nieces and nephews; all of the Kennedy Family in Illinois; her extended Ruppel Family and dear friends from Wisconsin; her special friend, Mary Karcis and travel friends from Antor Travel; her Bingo friends at Muskegon Lakeside Eagles, along with all of the American Red Cross workers she volunteered with at the Holton American Legion. EB and Babe were members of the Muskegon Heights Eagles, the Fremont Moose Lodge, and the Holton American Legion for many years. She was preceded in death by her husband, EB in 1987; sisters, Thelma Ryan in 2008, Lolly Manchester in 1977; brother, Ken Morton in 1997; special sisters-in-law, Evelyn Jones in 2007 and Lois Policha in 1978; step-brother, Morley, and step-sisters, Valora, Bea, Donna, and Gerri. It was Babe’s wish not to have any funeral services. We all know how much Babe loved her birds. Anyone who wants to honor her are invited to



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hang a special bird feeder at their home in her memory or donate to the Leila and Cyrus Poppen Residence of Harbor Hospice. Arrangements handled by The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey St, Norton Shores, MI 49444. Sign the guestbook online at www.sytsemafh.com



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KK

Kay Marie (Moon) Kennedy posted:

Since my Mom passed, I have tried to put my thoughts into written word. Nothing seems to be right. My mind and heart are still in different stages of emotion.... but I will try to sort them all out. Over the last couple of days I have thought about what happened to mold you into the strong woman that you were. Many people cave with adversity but it seems that you strived . Very few people know that your young life was very tough . During the depression, at the age of 8, you were placed on a work farm and you endured many hardships and cruelties . Many people would stayed defeated and would have given up. But not you. You were strong and all of this adversity changed into a life of blessings when you met and married my Dad. You were a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother , great grandma, aunt and friend to many. We are all honored to be in your life. We miss you and wish you were still here with us but know that your body and spirit were getting tired. Even on your death bed, your love was still shining on us and that is what we miss the most. You loved us so purely and sacrificially like no one else ever will. Everyday in the hospital and every day in Hospice, I told you that I loved you and that you were a great mother. I did not expect you to say "I love you too", but you did. When you could no longer talk, you smiled and squeezed my hand. Even on your last day, I knew you heard me. Without you, even the house does not seem the same. Just one month ago you insisted on doing the dishes, dusting the floors, taking care of all laundry, on sunny days going outside to wash the large living room window and walking out to the road for the mail. Yesterday I did dishes and laundry. I was expecting you to say, " that's my job, I will do that !" Something is wrong, then my brain cleared and I instantly remembered, you are not here. Anyone having a mother like you has a true blessing . However sometimes we take things for granted , thinking that we will have our moms with us forever. Reality often sets in when we lose the wonderful woman that gave us life and has been a guiding force in so many of our decisions. There were times that you frustrated me and I wished you were able to be more independent. When I look at your aging process now , I feel very blessed that you trusted me enough to take care of your well being. Today I realized why you made me independent (like you) and why you told me to always be strong. You knew that one day I would need the strength to bear the loss of your strength. You made me laugh, wiped my tears, helped me whenever and however I needed your help, and loved me a lot even though it was hard for you to say that you loved me. You had a zest for life and living it to it's fullest. I will do my best to continue in your footsteps. I may not win a wet t-shirt contest at 90, but I will do my best to still be living my life with love and happiness. I pray that my children and grandchildren continue to love me as much as I love you. Many people have a dream of seeing an angel but I think I am the lucky one who got to spend so much time with an angel. "I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love." I love you Mom. You will be in my heart forever. Kay

January 31 at 4:01 PM



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CS

Candice Slizewski posted:

There are so many memories that I have of my grandmother. How she always had squeeze cheese and instant potatoes for me at her house when I'd come to stay the night or weekend. How she, my grandpa and I would watch the Tigers play. How she taught me how to play poker, black jack and spades as a little girl and was always down for playing Yahtzee or Boggle. How she would pay me a penny for every dandelion I picked in the front yard. How she would always have to take a sip of my adult beverages even though "she didn't want any". We had our bingo nights, our coffee mornings, our laughs about inappropriate things and I'll cherish every "I love you" I ever got, because even though you knew she did, it wasn't easily said by her. Her soul and her life was infectious, and she had a spirit that was bright and will always be missed and never forgotten. My last few visits with her will be mine. I'll always hold that close to my heart. I celebrate my grandma's life and the fact that she is in Heaven....forever at peace with our loving God and in the arms of her husband. What a gloriously long and wonderful life she lived and how lucky we all were to have her with us for as long as we did.

January 27 at 6:55 AM



Mom January 27 at 7:38 PM



DL

Daniel Lynn posted:

We will miss your beautiful smile and kind soul Grandma Moon. What a wonderful life she lived, was loved by so many. We couldn't have asked for a better next door neighbor. Hugs to Kay

January 26 at 6:27 AM



Kay Kennedy January 26 at 5:44 PM

Dan and Julie. I agree with you, WE could not have had better neighbors. Mom thoroughly enjoyed the path between our yards, especially at yard sale times. We both have great memories of Grayson and Piper growing so quickly. Mom thought of them as her newest grandchildren thanks for sharing your family with us.



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SW

Sherrie Wright posted:

Kay you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I will miss mom greatly. She was one of the nicest people I have ever met. She was so special and full of life. She truly touched everyone she met.

January 26 at 5:55 AM

KK

Kay Kennedy January 26 at 9:26 AM

Sherrie, thank you! Mom enjoyed all of our times together. She talked often about you and enjoyed your visits. She said, Sherrie sure likes to talk, it's never boring when she visits!" Priceless.

ET

Ethan posted:

Grandma moon was a great and amazing person in my life. She was always so happy and loving to everyone who came into her home. She loved everyone. I love her and will love her for the rest of my life. She will always live on in my heart, and everyone else's.

January 26 at 5:41 AM

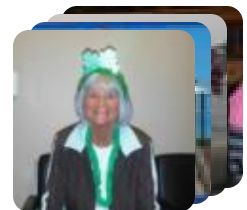
GK

Grandma Kay January 26 at 9:21 AM

Thank you Ethan. Grandma was so proud of you and your love of life. She knew that you loved her and she treasured you. Keep living your life with kindness and love and that will truly honor her.

KK

Kay Kennedy shared 9 photos to the **Memories Album** album.



January 18 at 12:54 PM



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PD

Paul, Jessica, And Charlie Dyball posted:

Kay, I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. You are in our prayers.

January 24 at 8:07 AM

KK

Kay Kennedy January 24 at 8:12 PM

Dr. Dyball, thank you so much for all your compassion, smiles and hugs. I know your prayers are so heart felt and very much needed!

LE

Linda Everson lit a candle in honor of Dolores.



January 23 at 11:44 AM

KK

Kay Kennedy January 23 at 7:35 PM

Linda, thank you! It was important for mom to keep in touch with you and Jeff every year. She and Irene were best friends for so many years. I know mom enjoyed all of the times she was able to see you when she visited Wisconsin

LE

Linda Everson January 23 at 11:47 AM

So glad to have been friends with this beautiful lady. I will miss you. Fly high my friend!

CD

Cathy Day posted:

Aunt Babe had such a kindness. I remember Kay and her getting together a basket for me during my cancer treatment. It helped occupy my mind and gave me this fond memory. She was a source of much laughter at family get-togethers and when not the source of the laughter she sat back with a grin taking it all in. You were so loved and will be missed.

January 22 at 8:26 AM

KK

Kay Kennedy January 23 at 7:26 PM

Cathy, mom thought the world of you and Kelly. She often said that she was filling in for Aunt Thelma and that you guys were her second family. So many good family gathering memories



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PS

Patrick Schullo posted:

One 17 minute phone callWe had an immediate connection. Dolores answered the phone one day when I asked to speak with Kay who was not home. So Dolores and I had an Amazing conversation. She was so kind, vibrant, and positive. We laughed together....felt like I'd known her for years.Sincerely Sorry for Your Family's LossPatrick

January 22 at 7:49 AM

KK

Kay Kennedy January 23 at 7:24 PM

Patrick. I am glad you and mom got to talk. Jim and I had talked about you so many times, I am sure she also felt a connection. Evidently you explained everything to her because she was quite proud of herself for remembering what you said!

WK

Wanda Kent posted:

I spent most of my teenage years at the Moon household. Babe was like a second mom to me and Kay was like a sister. Babe was fun loving and was like the energizer bunny. She was always doing something. EB and Babe were so accommodating. They let my dad keep his fishing boat at their house. Babe was always the first one to see if we got lucky getting fish. She was there encouraging me when they tried to teach me to water ski. When Kay and I were learning new dances or cheers she was right there doing it with us. Babe worked at a clothing store called Graichens and she would always show us what new items came in and what was on sale. I spent many family nights at the Moose with them, laughing and dancing. Babe made everyone feel comfortable and made sure no one felt left out. She was one in a million. Lucky for me Kay has all those same special qualities so I will always feel like Babe is still here even though I know she is not. I feel very privileged to have had Babe in my life. Rest In Peace Babe!!!!

January 22 at 5:59 AM

KK

Kay Kennedy January 23 at 7:21 PM

Wanda, thank you so much for sharing these memories. We have so many, I am very blessed. Mom always said that when we were together it was like we were sisters. She beamed when we would have a girls breakfast. She would sit back with a big smile and listen to all of our chattering. She said we made her feel like part of the group and it made her feel young. Thank you for so many years of friendship.



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CC

Carol & Bill Chaddock posted:

We met Babe at a Bootscooter dance when she came with her daughter Kay. Babe loved watching the dancers and became a frequent visitor. She was a sweet and beautiful soul. What we remember most about Babe was her beaming smile. It was evident that Babe loved life and loved being around people. She fit right in with the Bootscooters. This lovely lady will be missed by many. May her soul rest in everlasting peace. Carol & Bill Chaddock

January 22 at 5:27 AM

KK

Kay Kennedy January 23 at 7:15 PM

Thank you Carol an Bill. Mom loved going to Bootscooter dances. She and my Dad had danced for many years, it was the core of their social life. She often said that music lifted her spirits. My childhood was filled with 50 and 60's music. I am so thankful that the Bootscooter group accepted her and always made her feel welcome.

CM

Cheryle Mcdowell posted:

My heart is just wrenched with sadness but also full of Joy. It's a strange feeling when we loss someone close to our hearts. Sometime we cry, sometime we giggle. There is no wrong or right way to share how someone makes you feel and how we react at the time of there passing. We just move on and remember all the personal times we had together. Babe was amazing! She made me laugh out loud so many times. Even her facial reactions ignited my heart! She was a person with a gorgeous sole full of character (even when the Tigers lost). I have known her for several years, and I see that beauty being passed through to daughter Kay. What wonderful people to know. I feel very blessed to have spent time with them. They are both a very important part of my story.

January 20 at 1:58 PM

KK

Kay Kennedy January 23 at 6:42 PM

Cheryle, whether you know it or not, you helped to bring out the "style" in mom. When ever she was going to see you, she made sure her hair was nice, put on makeup and carefully picked out her clothes so she looked nice. You stirred up her interest in life and lived through your stories and experiences Thank you for loving her.



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AD

Angela Kelsch Dulyea posted:

The last time we were together, I held your fragile hand. It was soft and gentle and yet so beautiful. You still smiled so big even though you knew this journey on Earth was coming to an end. Inside, I also knew that this was my last time talking to you and saying goodbye. I was filled with peace and hope because you reassured me that you were ready. I will always remember you because of your love for life and adventure. The spark in your eyes, the smile on your face that could brighten anyone's mood or space. Babe, you will always be my inspiration and I will always want to grow up to be like you! I will hold you always close to my heart and you will be terribly missed so very much.

January 19 at 1:20 PM

KK

Kay Kennedy January 23 at 6:39 PM

Angie. We can't thank you enough for all of your patience, trying to make mom happy with her hair. Mom often talked about the day you came to the house to cut and style her hair when she was recovering from surgery. She was so weak, but you lifted her spirits. I hope you know that you made her feel beautiful and proud of how she looked. She thought of you like a granddaughter, loved always

SD

Sara Dutcher posted:

I did not have the pleasure of meeting 'Grandma Moon' as Julie referred to her on Facebook. I can tell, though pictures and videos that she absolutely loved her family, was a little spitfire (that I'm sure I would have loved to be with!) and adored Milo and her birds. For quite some time, every time I saw a certain picture of Grandma Moon and Milo, it would warm my heart. Much love to you and your family, Julie!!

January 19 at 1:17 PM

KK

Kay Kennedy January 23 at 6:21 PM

Sara. Thank you so much for your memories. Mom loved all of the time she spent with Milo... and of course a Julie!



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KG

Kathy Robinson Goldstein lit a candle in honor of Dolores.

To Babe and Kay and your Family. Meeting Babe and getting to know her was delightful. I am sorry for her passing and happy that she is out of pain. What a wonderful woman! And Kay has been a remarkable daughter, always there for her without question. Sending you all love and prayers. Kathy



January 19 at 11:29 AM

KK

Kay Kennedy January 23 at 6:18 PM

Thank you Kathy. Mom loved all of the time she spent in Illinois. I remember when you got your kittens, I was afraid she would want to bring one home.

KE

Kendra posted:

So many memories with my great grandma. Remember riding my bike to her house when she lived in Fremont, spending the day on walks and so much more. Every time I visited her, even up to the day she passed, she was so full of light and cared for everyone around her. I will forever hold these memories, and will miss her so much. I love you grandma moon.

January 19 at 11:15 AM

KK

Kay Kennedy January 23 at 6:16 PM

Grandma especially loved taking you for walks in Arboretum Park in Fremont. As her first Great granddaughter I think she spoiled you just a little! You were cherished for the beautiful person you are. She was very proud of your accomplishments.

DR

Drake Roesler lit a candle in honor of Dolores.

The Grandma that never seemed to age. Just a month ago she was yelling at the Detroit Lions as they were losing to the Green Bay Packers! She lived a long healthy life keeping Grandma Kay company! She's been in our prayers, and now the Lord has called her home. Rest In Peace Grandma Moon.



January 19 at 10:17 AM

KK

Kay Kennedy January 23 at 2:42 PM

Drake, grandma Moon was just as happy as I was when you came back into our lives. Thank you so much for showing her love and attention. You and Emily made her smile and that makes me happy.



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MK

Mary Ann Kennedy posted:

Dear Babe, I am going to miss your loving personality. You were so full of energy and life. I most enjoyed when you gave my brother, Jim, back as good as he gave you. Sleep in peace. Mary Ann Kennedy

January 19 at 9:53 AM

KK

Kay Kennedy January 23 at 2:38 PM

Mary Ann, thanks so much Sis. You were so wonderful when Jim and I brought mom to a Illinois with us. She loved it when we ordered Chinese food, you'd think I never took her out! She also enjoyed having a couple of bed partners (between Seamus, Toby, and Murphy she had a little fur ball keeping her company)



Anonymous sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Moon family.



January 19 at 9:21 AM

PD

Paula Down posted:

Babe was a special lady. She brought many joys to whomever she met. I remember great times spent with her and Kay on our winter trips to warm islands. Peace to her

January 19 at 3:20 AM

KK

Kay Kennedy January 23 at 2:33 PM

Paula, Mom has such a great time with us in Mexico. She laughed at us, calling us 2 peas in a pod and was glad I finally found my "sister".



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Marcia lit a candle in honor of Dolores.

Babe I am sorry your time has come in this world, but I know you are now free and at peace. You and bob can not be free of pain and suffering. I wish i could of seen you and kay before you passed. Kay my condolences and prayers to you.



January 18 at 2:43 PM



Kay Kennedy January 23 at 2:29 PM

Marcia. My mom loved you and Bob so much. The hugs and kisses she got from Bob at bingo made her Wednesday nights! Thank you so very much for calling her every week. She looked forward to talking. I know Bob greeted her in heaven.



Kelly Ramthun posted:

Oh Dear Babe. You were the best friend my Mom ever had. You sure lived your life to the fullest. I loved you too. May you now Rest in Heavenly Peace and please...give my Mom a kiss from me. Prayers of comfort to your Family.

January 18 at 2:29 PM




Kay Kennedy January 23 at 2:26 PM

Kelly. My mom missed your mom so much when she passed. They had such good talks and they indeed were good friends. I know they are enjoying a good hug in heaven



Jennifer Couturier posted:

Love you, Aunt Babe.. you were one of a kind  love, Jennifer and Dave

January 18 at 2:01 PM

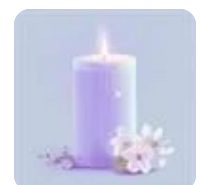


Kay Kennedy January 23 at 2:24 PM

Thanks Jennifer. We have shared so many fun times. I smile every time I think of summers at McClare Lake .



Robin Speese lit a candle in honor of Dolores.



January 18 at 1:41 PM



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RS

Robin Speese posted:

I loved my Aunt Babe very much. I will always cherish my childhood memories of Aunt Babe & Uncle EB, on Fremont Lake. Aunt Babe taught me how to swim and dive without a life preserver. Many summer vacation weeks were shared with Aunt Babe, Uncle EB and Kay at the lake. I remember her dressing up for Old Fashion Days in Fremont and the fun I had during my stays with them. She always attended my family parties and was such a joyful soul. I will miss sending her cards in the mail and Christmas Eve just won't be the same without her. I will miss her very much, but my happy memories will sustain me. My love to all the family...Cubby

January 18 at 1:39 PM

KK

Kay Kennedy January 23 at 2:20 PM

Cubby mom told me when she was in the hospital that you were like a daughter to her. She loved having you visit, especially when you brought her home made soup. Our lives have been connected since you were born and I am thankful for all of our memories, even when I got in trouble for letting you drive my car when you did not have a license!

JL

Julie Lynnes lit a candle in honor of Dolores.

January 18 at 12:54 PM





Kay Kennedy shared 9 photos to the **Memories Album** album.

January 24 at 8:29 PM

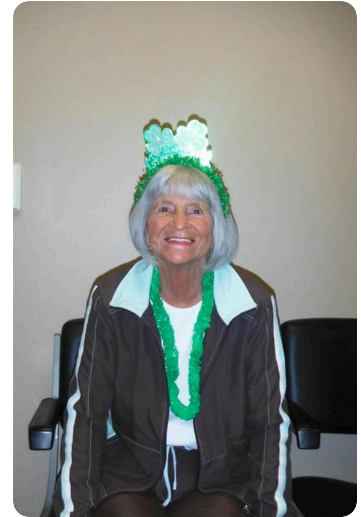




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Memories only last if you share them

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



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