



Emma Shirk

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Mrs. Emma Shirk, age 93, passed away Saturday morning, September 22, 2012, in Muskegon. Emma was a life resident of Muskegon, born August 30, 1919 to Joseph (Sr.) and Anna (Hamm) Schuitema. Emma had been a waitress for the former Simpson Drug Store and previously worked as manager of the Sandy Beach Camp Ground. She was a member of Hope Reformed Church and of its Bible Study. Emma enjoyed knitting, crocheting, bowling and art-crafts. SURVIVORS include her daughter, Sandy Thompson of Muskegon; 3 step-children, Linda (Paul) Raney of Texas, Gary (Yvonne) Shirk and Sharon (Ken) Anderson, both of Muskegon; 10 Grandchildren, 17 Great-grandchildren; 3 sisters, Marie Lederer of Muskegon, Harriet (Elmer) Reed of Leesburg, FL and Betty Bjornstrom of Muskegon. Emma was preceded in death by her husband, Royce; 2 brothers, Joseph, Jr., and Frank Schuitema, 2 sisters, Ida Salter and Angie Kesti. FUNERAL SERVICES will be 11 AM Thursday at Hope Reformed Church (1878 Evanston Ave.) with Pastor Steven Hyma officiating. Burial will be in Sunrise Memorial Gardens. VISITATION with Emma's family will be 5-8 PM Wednesday at The Sytsema Chapel of Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc., 737 Apple Avenue, Muskegon, MI 49442 (231-726-5210); and 1 hour prior to the service at church. For a more lasting memorial, you are asked to consider Hope Reformed Church.



Events

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Visitation

Wednesday, September 26, 2012

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Sytsema Chapel

737 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon MI 49442



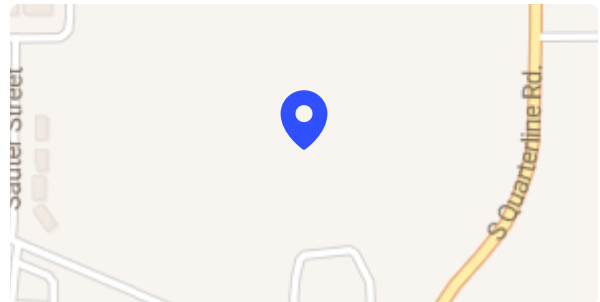
Funeral Service

Thursday, September 27, 2012

11:00 AM ET

Hope Reformed Church

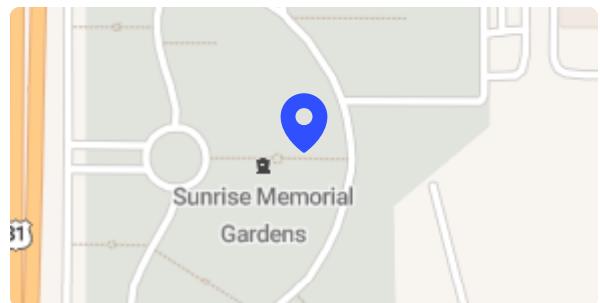
1878 Evanston Avenue, Muskegon MI 49442



Cemetery Details

Sunrise Memorial Gardens

2188 Remembrance Dr., Muskegon MI 49442





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Hollie Salter Durocher lit a candle in honor of Emma.



September 27 at 2:54 AM

HD **Hollie Salter Durocher** September 27 at 3:00 AM

Dear Aunt Emma, When I think back to my childhood memories the first thing that pops up in my mind is "Sandy Beach Campgrounds". You & Uncle Elm always knew just what all the little kids wanted at your candy shop. Thank you for all the wonderful memories. I hope they have campgrounds in Heaven. :-) Pls give my Grama Salter a big hug & kiss from me & my little boy. All my Love. Hollie Salter Durocher



Tracie Salter-Kinman posted:

Dear Aunt Emma, I think back to all my wonderful childhood memories spent with you and all the family. You always welcomed us with open arms. I am forever thankful for all you have done for me and my family. I love and miss you, Tracie Salter

September 26 at 4:27 PM



Joannie Carlson lit a candle in honor of Emma.



September 26 at 3:15 PM



Bill Salter lit a candle in honor of Emma.



September 26 at 3:07 PM

BS **Bill Salter** September 26 at 3:17 PM

Aunt Em....I chose the rose colored candle because you were a rose among the many thorns. All the fun times spent at Grandpa Schuitema's house stand out like yesterday. You were such a big part of mine and my families life at Sandy Beach...thank you so much! Although I moved away we still had some fantatstic visits over the years. You will always be in my heart and now feel that I am closer to you than ever. I love you.....Bill



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Ed & Marlene lit a candle in honor of Emma.



September 26 at 7:45 AM



Susan Anderson lit a candle in honor of Emma.



September 26 at 1:59 AM



Ricky Anderson lit a candle in honor of Emma.



September 26 at 12:39 AM



Ricky Anderson September 26 at 12:40 AM

Well...Grandma..Im so glad I got to see you back in August and that we were able to talk about the memories we had. From you riding my motorcylec into the storage shed,fishing at Lake Livingston an you catching the bridge railing,You holding up my bow and the armadillio,your infamous peanut-brittle..and your wild wacky style of bingo and pokeno!!!! Never heard a prejudiced or cross word from you.Your Strongest language was "oh my stars"!!!! Tell Grandpa..I still have his letters from WWII,His Medals and His rabbit hunting Shotgun! Looking back the years are flying now ...See you soon enuff....even though we will miss you! Miss you both!



Nancy Williamson posted:

So sorry to hear about Emma. Say hi to my dad, Emma. Thoughts are with you, Betty and your family.Nancy Williamson

September 25 at 5:36 PM



Sandra Thompson lit a candle in honor of Emma.



September 25 at 3:06 PM



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Wes Heikkila posted:

I have fond memories of Grandma busy making her delicious peanut brittle. Also fun camping memories at Sandy Beach campground, when they managed it, when I was a little girl. Now she is rejoicing with our Lord. We remember Grandma always greeting with a hug, a smile, and a kind word. She loved to play games, and we enjoyed having fun with her. Wesley & Rebecca (Shirk) Heikkila Family

September 25 at 10:30 AM



Maryann Zimmer lit a candle in honor of Emma.



September 25 at 8:01 AM

MZ **Maryann Zimmer** September 25 at 8:07 AM

A yellow candle chosen to represent the sunshine Emma carried with her throughout her life and the smiles she gave her family. She made the best peanut brittle and hopefully JoAnn learned this from her so she can carry it on..... Emma will be missed by all but she is now with the Lord and still carrying on her duties as an angel. She is watching over us all....



Harbor Hospice posted:

We send our sincere sympathy to your family. We are here to support you in your time of loss – today and for as long as you need us. – The Staff of Harbor Hospice.

September 25 at 4:45 AM



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Sonya Peace lit a candle in honor of Emma.

What an amazingly loving, precious Aunt Emma you have been to Ray and me! It's so hard to believe you are really gone now! Even though we are all struggling with this, we know you are in Heaven and enjoying walking the streets of gold with Uncle Royce - others who have gone before, and your Jesus - where you longed to be. Your struggles are gone now and you're breathing celestial air! The song that comforts us so much right now goes like this, "But just think of stepping on shore and finding it heaven! Of touching a hand and finding it God's! Of breathing new air and finding it celestial! Of waking up in glory and finding it HOME!" Aunt Emma, the most amazing lesson you taught us is unconditional love. You were and are so FULL of love for everyone! No matter how much time we and others spent with you, it was never enough. "Oh do you have to go so soon?" you would always say. We are lost missing you so much already, but we know this is better for you. We treasure the priceless memories of your love. And none of us has really "lost" you. We still have you. You're just up in Heaven. Down through the years your love - in triples! - has and always will ring out to us and hold us close, "Love you! Love you! Love you!"



September 24 at 11:26 AM



Joann Ross lit a candle in honor of Emma.

To my awesome Grandma. You will always be in my heart. I was so blessed to you in my life. My kids have so many wonderful and fun memories of you and grandpa. You were always there for us, and were always proud of all that your grandkids accomplished. You will be missed so very much. I love you and will always look up knowing you are looking down keeping an eye on us. Like you always said I love you ,love you today, tomorrow and forever..



September 24 at 4:55 PM



Corkie Carlson posted:

A amazing Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandma, and Great Great Grandma, Sister and Aunt , Now she rest in the loving arms of our Lord!!! I can see her trying to get a game started or having coffee and dunking gram crackers, making peanut brittle :)I will miss the times we have shared talking, making candies, I am so glad God gave her a place in my life and I will treasure the Memories! Prayers for Sandy,Joann, Eddie and all the family

September 24 at 11:26 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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