



# Bonnie Jean Vokits

FEB 5, 1947 - JUL 10, 2024



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## Bonnie Jean Vokits

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**B**onnie Jean Vokits, age 77, passed away Wednesday, July 10, 2024. She was born February 5, 1947, in Muskegon to Eugene and Arline (Kirby) Farr and had been a lifelong resident of the area. On November 25, 1967, she married Donald Vokits in Muskegon. Bonnie worked for over 18 years in Muskegon County as a social worker. She also worked in the private sector and for Muskegon Public Schools. Bonnie was an accomplished author and instrumental in starting the Deaf and Hard of Hearing program here in Muskegon and served as its Director. She was a member of Spring Lake Presbyterian Church in Spring Lake. She was active with the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, and the National Society of Colonial Dames, Daughters of the American Revolution, Muskegon Genealogical Society, the Muskegon Boys and Girls Club, and many other church and social groups.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Donald Vokits; five children: Kim (Paul) Goosen, Dawn Vokits-Moe (Jeremy Moe), Tracy (Chris) VanderVelde, Wendy (Steve) Mekkes, and Lisa Holderman (Scott Anderson); 13 grandchildren: Rory, Mitchell (Sarah), Tyler, Sean, Amber, Jayne, Jenna, Emma, Luke, Esther, Isabel, Gabrielle, and Gracie; great-grandson, Mason; sister, Deanna (John) Moseley; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Dave Farr; sister, Janet Bogue; and granddaughter, Emily Jayne VanderVelde.

Bonnie's body has been donated for dementia research. A celebration of Bonnie's life will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, August 3, 2024 at Spring Lake Presbyterian Church. Visitation with the family will be from 6-8 PM on Friday, August 2, 2024 at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444 (231) 798-1100. Visitation will also be held one hour prior to the service on Saturday morning at the church. Share memories with the family at their online Guest Book at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com)



# Events

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## Visitation

**Friday**, August 2, 2024

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

**Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



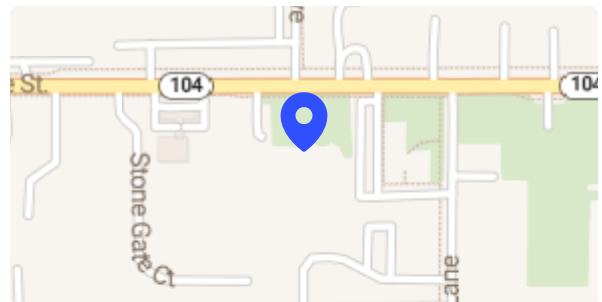
## Visitation

**Saturday**, August 3, 2024

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

**Spring Lake Presbyterian Church**

760 East Savidge Street, Spring Lake MI 49456



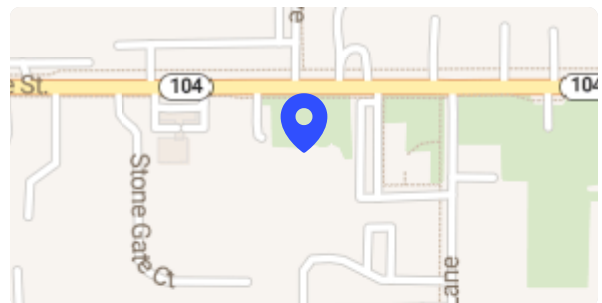
## Celebration of Life

**Saturday**, August 3, 2024

11:00 AM ET

**Spring Lake Presbyterian Church**

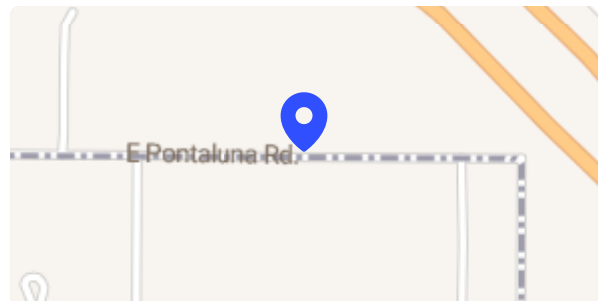
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## Cemetery Details

**Fruitport Pine Hill Cemetery**

3903 E. Pontaluna, Fruiptort MI 49415





# Tribute Wall

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**Barbara (Irwin) Usmial** posted:

Dear Don and family; The MHS Class of 1965 wishes to express our deep sorrow at the loss of our Classmate and dear friend! We have greatly missed seeing her at our monthly breakfast gatherings knowing she was struggling with many issues. We so very much enjoyed our conversations over the years - keeping up with all her writing and the many groups to which she belonged. Personally for me, she had introduced the study of Genealogy to me - even taking me to a meeting @Hackley Library where I learned what a very detailed process it was - and she was accomplished at it!!! Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Prayers being sent for your comfort with the joy of knowing she is in God's tender presence and at peace in Jesus' hands...

August 2 at 9:31 AM



**Sylvia J Street** August 2 at 1:34 PM

Bonnie and I wee friends since elementary at Orchard View. She was always such a lovely soul. May God be you and yours at this time.



**Patricia J.** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Bonnie.



August 2 at 5:17 AM



**Jill Lamrock** posted:

Dawn and family, I remember how your mom was always so kind and welcoming whenever I'd go to your house. I loved her laugh and her smile. She was a fun-loving lady who I was lucky to have known. I know you will miss her dearly. May your precious memories of life with her help eventually heal the sorrow in your hearts. May God bless all of you in this difficult time. Love, Jill Lamrock

July 29 at 6:54 PM



**Fred & Pat Mcwain** posted:

Dear Don & family:What a loss of a beautiful lady, who had shared so much of her life & family.We treasure the moments of her & the family growing up on Hillview Dr. & the neighborhood kids hanging out together. Bonnie was a kind soul & she will be missed. Deepest sympathy,The Fred McWain family

July 25 at 8:37 AM



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**Bruce Tamulis** posted:

Don, I am so very sorry for your loss. It is devastating and you and your family are in my prayers. Many Blessings. Bruce Tamulis.

July 23 at 8:39 AM



**Deb Vlasma** posted:

Don and girls, we send you our sympathy at Bonnie's death. We think back to our years as neighbors on Miner Avenue! Good memories! May God bless each of you with comfort. Russ and Deb Vlasma

July 17 at 2:07 PM



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

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



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