



Donna B. Gelderman

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Donna B. Gelderman, age 87, passed away peacefully on Monday, August 12, 2024. She was born on December 30, 1936, to Everette and Lizzie (Bolthouse) Fisher in Spring Lake, MI. and has remained a lifelong resident of West Michigan. She graduated from West Michigan Christian High School class of 1955. She married William L. "Bim" Gelderman at Spring Lake Presbyterian Church on September 18, 1959. Together they cherished 26 years full of faith, love and laughter. Bim preceded her in death on March 29, 1985. Donna was a dedicated employee of Michigan Bell Telephone company where she worked as a switchboard operator. Donna then left the work force and took pride in maintaining her home and raising her 2 children alongside Bim. After the passing of her husband, she then went back to work for various companies to make ends meet, Spring Lake Village fish market, Dykstra's and Steketee's Department Store. Donna was a faithful servant and longtime member of Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church. Donna had a passion for crocheting, quilting and anything pertaining to needlework. She took joy in helping others with her talents and would often donate her homemade goods to the maternity wards for the newborn babies or somewhere in need. She was active within the church, and for years helped by creating items for their annual bazaars. She was a social butterfly by nature, easily knowing no stranger and making new friends with simple conversation wherever she went. Donna loved her time spent with her girlfriends over coffee or tea, occasionally spoiling them with her famous secret peanut butter ice cream sauce. She had a generous heart and tender-loving spirit that touched the lives of many. Donna will be missed by so many. She is survived by her two children, Michael (Kim) Gelderman and Michelle (Rich) Martin; two grandchildren, William Gelderman and Trevor Martin; sister-in-law, Mary Fisher; and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; loving husband, William "Bim" Gelderman; three sisters, Joyce Rodrigues, Carol (Edward)



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Rasinske and Nancy (Rolland) Bartels; and brother, Jack Fisher. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, August 23, 2024, at Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church, 364 S. Lake Ave. Spring Lake, MI 49456. A visitation with the family will be held from 10-11:00 AM at the church. Donna will be laid to rest with her husband Bim at Spring Lake Cemetery, all are welcomed. Memorial Contributions in her honor can be directed to the [American Kidney Fund](#). Arrangements entrusted to The Spring Lake Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 213 E. Savidge St., Spring Lake, MI 49456. Share memories with the family at <http://www.sytsemafh.com>.



Events

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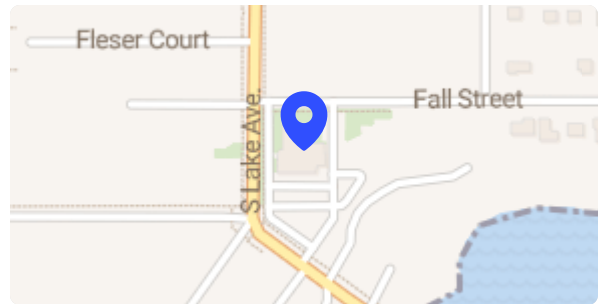
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Visitation

Friday, August 23, 2024

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church
364 S. Lake Ave, Spring Lake MI 49456

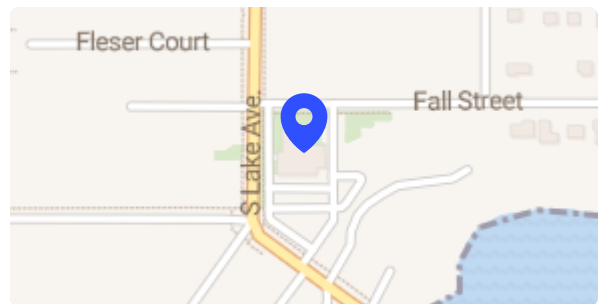


Memorial Service

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11:00 AM ET

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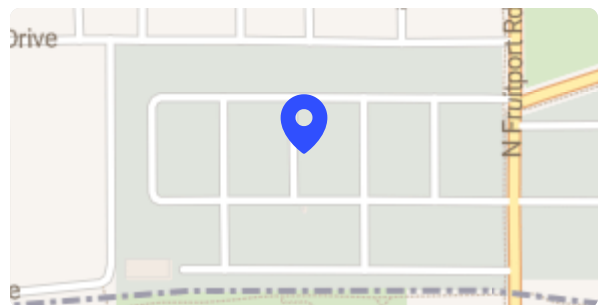


Burial

Friday, August 23, 2024

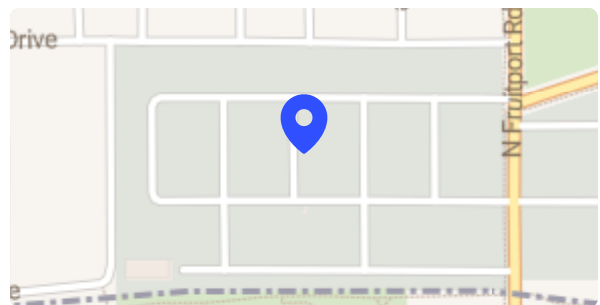
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Spring Lake Cemetery
17181 North Fruitport Road, Spring Lake MI 49456



Cemetery Details

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Kristina And Brad Strouse sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gelderman family.

August 19 at 12:02 PM



Kristina And Brad Strouse planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Donna.

August 19 at 12:02 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Gelderman family.

August 16 at 7:05 PM



Michael Baur planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Donna.

August 16 at 7:05 PM



Bonnie Scarbrough posted:

Friends and neighbors for 50 plus years...I have many wonderful memories of times with Donna.. Braaks, Burger King, McDs for coffee and conversations..Bus trips together and shopping or doctors. Family weddings, baby showers, graduations, etc.. Life is so short but memories remain..God bless.

August 16 at 10:22 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Gelderman family.

August 15 at 10:25 AM





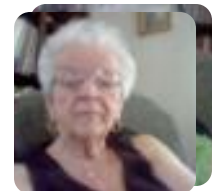
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Michelle Martin shared 2 photos to the **From Mom's photos.** album.



August 15 at 8:36 AM



Marsha Vanpoortfliet posted:

Sending my heartfelt condolences to my special friends family. I first met Donna while assisting Leon Chittenden painting the outside of her home several years ago. She suggested we go to lunch and had been friends since. We loved to find places to sing karaoke and her favorite to sing was Crazy by Patsy Cline. I shall miss all those special times and visits. Rest in peace my special friend

August 14 at 8:52 PM



Faye Rickabaugh posted:

Sending our heartfelt condolences to Donna's family. I had the pleasure of having coffee with Donna almost every day before she became ill. We played cards once a month with other friends also. She was a very upbeat lady. Always had so much fun around her. I will miss her and thankful I could call her my friend. Rest in peace Donna.

August 14 at 5:25 PM



Dean V. sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Gelderman family.



August 14 at 1:02 PM



Media

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Michelle Martin shared 2 photos to the **From Mom's photos.** album.

August 15 at 8:36 AM



Mom's selfie. :)



She took pictures with her DS.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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