



Anna Mae Pelton

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Anna Mae Pelton, age 98, of Grand Haven passed away Monday, September 15, 2025, at Robbinswood Assisted Living Community. She was born in Grand Haven on August 20, 1927, to Henry and Francis (Diedrich) Shashagway. Anna met James Pelton at Mangelson's Gas Station (now Wesco), and the two were united in marriage on October 4, 1947, in Grand Haven, MI. James preceded her in death on March 26, 2001.

Anna was a homemaker, raising six children and helping her husband on the fish farm they owned and operated. She loved knitting, sewing, canning, gardening, cooking, traveling, and doing puzzles. Anna and James also built a home in Florida. She thoroughly enjoyed her daily Snickers Bar and was a proud member of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Indians.

Anna is lovingly remembered by her three daughters: Penny Reed, Nancy (Greg) Berghuis, and Jill (Craig) Saurbaugh; two sons, James Pelton, Jr., and Jack (Chris) Pelton; eleven grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Bruce Pelton on March 19, 2025. The family would like to express their appreciation to the staff of Robbinswood Assisted Living Community, for all the loving care given to Anna over the last 11 years.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 5 -7 p.m. on Monday, October 20, 2025, at Connor Bayou Woodland Cabin, 12945 Cedar Drive, Grand Haven, MI 49417.

Interment will be in Robinson Township Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to The VanZantwick Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 620 Washington Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at <https://www.sytsemafh.com>.




Events


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Celebration of Life

 **Monday**, October 20, 2025

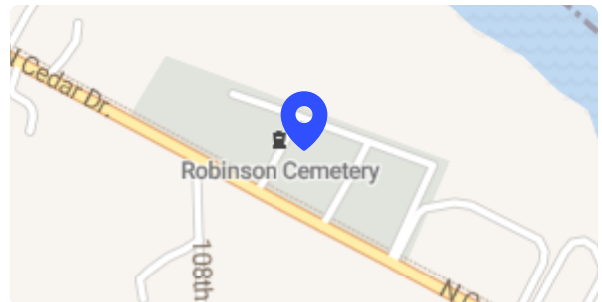
 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

 **Conner Bayou Woodland cabin**
12945 North Cedar Drive, Grand Haven MI 49417



Cemetery Details

 **Robinson Township Cemetery**
10780 N. Cedar Drive, Grand Haven MI 49417





Tribute Wall

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Kevin Gilde posted:

Dear Pelton Family, (Sorry for the late response, just found out.) We, (My husband, Kevin and I, Carol (Diedrich) Gilde are so very sorry for your loss and you have our deepest sympathy and prayers. She will be truly missed and greatly remembered. My fondest memory of Anna Mae, which was my Mom's niece and my cousin is her Beautiful Smile and Wonderful Laugh and of course lots of kids. When I, Carol Diedrich was a child we would travel from Grand Rapids to Grand Haven to visit Uncle Hank and Aunt Fannie and then always stop in to see Anna Mae. I loved the fish ponds and picking asparagus and blueberries. Then later, Aunt Fannie (Anna Mae's mother) would make her award winning blueberry pie, which after she passed Anna Mae would make, it was delicious. Jim and Anna Mae came to my wedding in 1973. My Mom, (Anna Diedrich) would repeatedly say that she introduced Anna Mae to Jim Pelton and got them together, because besides being My Mom's niece, they were good friends in school times being only 4 years apart. So, that being my 28 year older cousin, both sides of the Diedrichs and Brifneks having so many kids, 9 each per family. My Grandma Diedrich, which was Anna Mae's Grandma also - name was Anna Diedrich, which was my Mom's married name too. When we, as kids would go to Robinson Cemetary to put flowers on the graves, we would be surprised to see our Mother's name on a head stone being the same name as Grandma and she was living at that time. Being almost 71 years old myself, I have so many wonderful and happy memories having family such as all of you. Take care and So Very Sorry Penny, Jim, Nancy, Jill and Jack. for your loss. And So sorry for your loss of Bruce. Love ya all, Cuz Carol and Kevin

September 28 at 2:41 PM

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Sharon Dewreede posted:

Aunt Ann was the last of my parents generation (Frank and Lucille Parcheta). I (Sharon) can still remember her from the 1940s and 1950s when events were held at Grandma and Grandpa Peltons and when she and my mother got together. When we were at Uncle Jim's house, she was busy trying to keep her kids occupied or preparing food. She enjoyed some of the same enthusiasms my mother and I had - mostly sewing and solving puzzles. Besides her six kids, she also cared for her parents and later, her husband, when he became sick. She just never seemed to stop moving! My husband and I offer our condolences to Penny, Jim, Nancy, Jill and Jack. You had a wonderful, caring mother!

September 18 at 10:45 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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