



Mary Brashear Hornby

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Mary Brashear King Hornby, age 89, passed away on Sunday, September 28, 2025 in Muskegon, Michigan. Mary was born in Grand Haven, Michigan on February 10, 1936 to Kenneth and Lois (Brashear) King. She attended St. Mary's School of Nursing before transferring to Michael Reese School of Nursing in Chicago where she graduated in 1958. Mary dedicated her career to caring for others, beginning her work at Grand Haven Hospital before transitioning into the field of geriatric medicine where she served as Director of Nursing at several local nursing facilities, a role she held with compassion and leadership until her retirement in 2004. A devoted member of First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, Mary lived a life rooted in faith and service. She had a passion for quilting and sewing and was an active member of the Lighthouse Quilt Guild. An avid lover of nature, she found joy in gardening and spending time outdoors. Above all, Mary cherished her family. She especially adored her grandchildren and embraced the beautiful chaos they brought into her life. She is survived by her three children, G. Gordon (Lori) Hornby, Abigail Knue, and Kurt (Chris) Hornby; five grandchildren, Melinda (David), Zachary, Makenzie, Victoria (Ryan), and Maria; four great-grandchildren, Sarah, Avery, Luke, and Wyatt; and her sister, Jean (Pam) King. A CELEBRATION OF HER LIFE will be held 3:00 PM Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at First Presbyterian Church (508 Franklin Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417) with a time of fellowship with her family immediately following her service. MEMORIALS in memory of Mary may be directed to <https://Ottawacountyparksfoundation.org>, <https://Worldwildlifefund.org>, <https://Globalelephants.org>, or <https://Cancerresearchinstitute.org>. You may sign her online guestbook at <https://www.sytsemafh.com> Arrangements by The VanZantwick Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 620 Washington Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417.



Events

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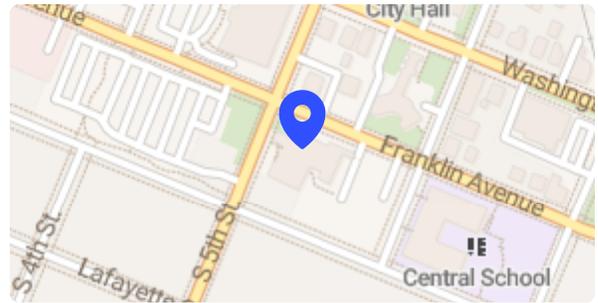
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Celebration of Life

 **Tuesday**, October 14, 2025

 3:00 PM ET

 **First Presbyterian Church**
508 Franklin Ave, Grand Haven MI 49417-1496

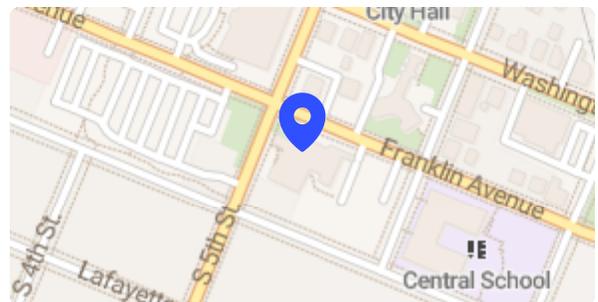


Fellowship with family

 **Tuesday**, October 14, 2025

 4:00 PM ET

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Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Hornby family.



October 14 at 10:19 AM



Rick & Lucy Mills planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mary.



October 14 at 10:19 AM



Sheila Connor lit a candle in honor of Mary.

She was a wonderful person. I worked with her yrs ago and she was loving caring lady.



October 8 at 3:09 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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