



Velma Frances "Val" Race

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Velma Frances "Val" Race, age 102, of Spring Lake passed away Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at Allendale Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. She was born December 5, 1923, in Muskegon Heights, MI to Anton and Mary (Gabriel) Fixel. She married Ronald Race on February 12, 1945, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muskegon Heights, MI. Ronald preceded her in death on July 23, 1983. Velma was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spring Lake and the Women's Club, quilting group, served as co-captain of funeral luncheon team. She helped organize the senior group, and remained active in the group until health prevented it. Velma enjoyed playing cards with friends. But most of all she immensely enjoyed playing with her grandchildren, and her family was the most important thing to her. Velma is lovingly remembered by her son, Gary (Diane) Race; son-in-law, Robert Clark; five grandchildren: Jenny Clark, Julie Clark, Matthew (Erin) Race, Ronald Clark and Nichole (Paul) Andrews; ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, her daughter, Sandra Clark, five sisters and one brother. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 30, 2025, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Friends may meet the family from 5 – 7 p.m. on Monday, December 29, with the Rosary at 5:00 p.m. at The VanZantwick Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services 620 Washington Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417. Interment will be in Spring Lake Cemetery. Memorials in Velma's name may be given to St. Mary's Catholic Church or St. Mary's Food Pantry. 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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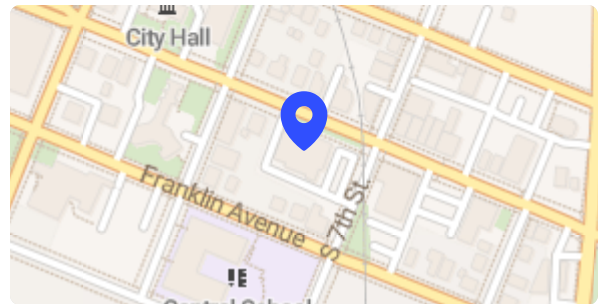
Rosary Service

Monday, December 29, 2025

5:00 PM ET

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The VanZantwick Chapel

620 Washington, Grand Haven MI 49417



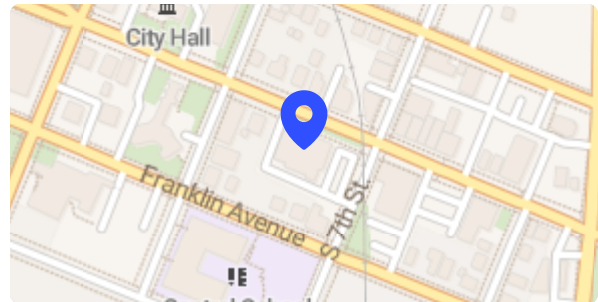
Visitation

Monday, December 29, 2025

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

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620 Washington, Grand Haven MI 49417



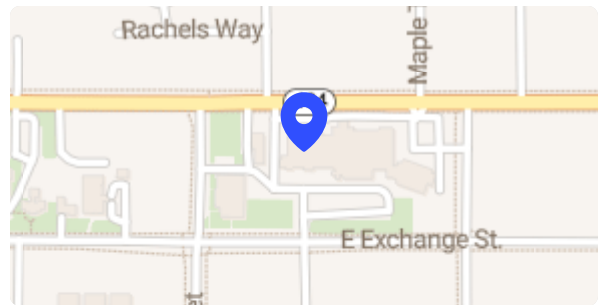
Mass of Christian Burial

Tuesday, December 30, 2025

11:00 AM ET

St. Mary's Catholic Church

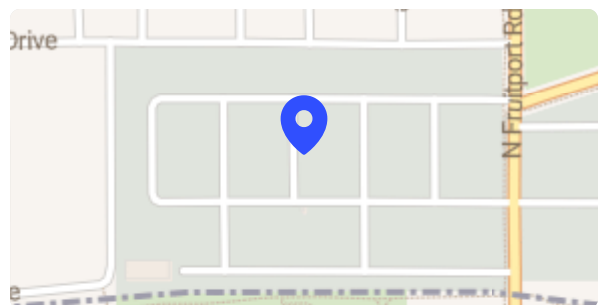
406 E. Savidge St., Spring Lake MI 49456



Cemetery Details

Spring Lake Cemetery

17181 North Fruitport Road, Spring Lake MI 49456





Tribute Wall

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Kim S. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Velma.

December 27 at 1:00 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Race family.

December 26 at 2:08 PM



Ivan And John Reek And Families sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Race family.

December 23 at 7:36 PM



Patrick Schullo And Craig And Lora Derks sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Race family.

December 18 at 11:22 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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