



Mr. Francis A. "Fritz" DeBoer

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Mr. Francis A. "Fritz" DeBoer, 88, passed away Tuesday evening, March 12, 2013. Born December 15, 1924 to Frank and Hattie (Stevens) DeBoer, he was a life resident of Muskegon. Fritz worked at Teledyne Continental Motors Corp. for more than 40 years before retiring, and was a member of Local 113 there. He was also a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Seventy years ago on October 1, 1942 he married the former Eleanor Mae Johnson, and she survives him. Fritz loved his Saturday visits to the Farmers Market, his Sunday night family gatherings, and rabbit hunting. Family outings meant he would be looking for new meat markets and bakeries. His SURVIVORS include his wife, Eleanor Mae; a son, Robert (Sharon) DeBoer of Norton Shores; daughters Barbara (Kirk) Matusiewicz of Farmington Hills and Sandra (Jeffrey) Cahill of Norton Shores; nine grandchildren: Kim and Tim Luce, Kelly and Bob Gagnon, Kerri and Matt Roberts, Daniel Matusiewicz, Kris and Noelle Matusiewicz, Erin Matusiewicz, Benjamin and Amber Cahill, David and Megan Cahill, and Rebecca Cahill; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Harold John, brother and sister-in-law J. Robert and Shirley DeBoer, and a great-granddaughter Ashley Gagnon. The FUNERAL SERVICE for Mr. DeBoer will be 11:00 A.M. Saturday, March 16, 2013 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1132 Southern Ave., with Pastor Julie Winklepleck officiating, and interment in Norton Cemetery. VISITATION will be at The Lee Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc. 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444, phone 231-798-1100 from 5-7 P.M. Friday, March 15, 2013, and one hour prior to the service at church. MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS to Our Savior's Lutheran Church would be appreciated.



Events

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Visitation

Friday, March 15, 2013

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



Visitation

Saturday, March 16, 2013

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

1132 W. Southern Avenue, Muskegon MI 49441



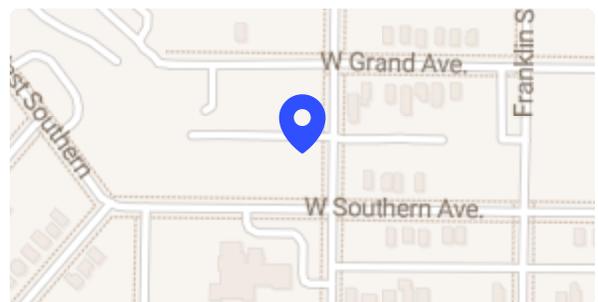
Funeral Service

Saturday, March 16, 2013

11:00 AM ET

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

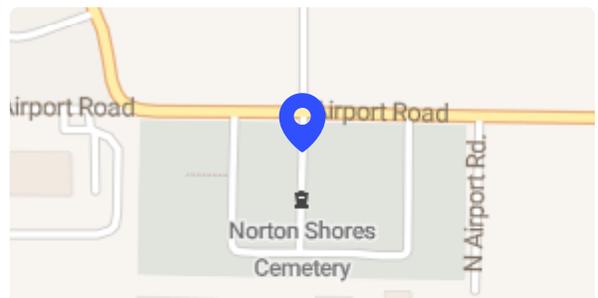
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Cemetery Details

Norton Cemetery

743-761 Airport Rd., Norton Shores MI 49441





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RC

Rebecca Cahill posted:

I miss you more and more everyday, Grandpa. I will never forget you. You were the most caring, kind, hard-working, stubborn man I have ever met. I love you so much, and please take care of Baby Bobby and Ashley. I can't wait to see you one day, and to feel one of your famous, rough hugs. Love you.

April 3 at 10:48 AM

HH

Harbor Hospice posted:

We send our sincere sympathy to your family. We are here to support you in your time of loss – today and for as long as you need us. – The Staff of Harbor Hospice.

March 21 at 8:58 AM

TE

Terry posted:

Eleanor: We were so sad to hear of Fritz's passing and will continue to pray that God will give peace to you and the rest of the family during this time. He was a gentle man with a heart of gold, he will be missed by all. Terry & Cathy Luce

March 15 at 10:12 AM

CF

Crystal (Cabot) Feasby posted:

Mrs. DeBoer and family, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Mr. DeBoer was always very kind to me when I was a little girl. I have fond memories of him and his beagle Lady, and him showing Davey, my sister and I all the flowers and plants in his backyard. I even remember the day he helped my Mom cut the Tonka Truck out of my sister's hair. He was a good man. Take care of yourselves. Sincerely, Crystal (Cabot) Feasby

March 15 at 8:22 AM

JK

Joe Kinnucan posted:

I believe parents teach all the "how's" in life. With all that responsibility, it is grandparents that fill in the warm, cozy "whys". Grandparents are a heritage of love, a guidance of friendship, and a path that always leads us home-right where our hearts usually are. Bob, Kelly, and all of your family, on behalf of the Norton Shores Fire Fighters Local 2559, we express our deepest condolences for your loss, and pray that peace and comfort find you all soon. Joe Kinnucan

March 15 at 7:14 AM



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DC

Debra Cabot posted:

Eleanor, we are so sorry for your loss. You and Fritz were the best neighbors a young family could have ever had. Our children loved to visit your backyard while Fritz showed them all of the projects he was working on, and brought out his dog to play. We have fond memories, he was a kind man. Cazz and Debra Cabot

March 15 at 4:02 AM

KR

Kerri Roberts posted:

Our family was truly blessed to have you in our lives. I have so many memories that are a comfort to me. One of my favorite things to do was to go to the pumpkin patch and fireworks. I loved hearing you say "look what we did" to grandma. What you did was create a strong family who loves and appreciates each other, your 70 year marriage to grandma is an inspiration and your concern for all of us made us feel so loved. I will miss hearing your booming voice, bear hugs and watching you with Cameron and Drew. Wait for me in heaven with your arms opened wide so you can catch me as I run to you to collect one of those crushing hugs. Knowing you are waiting for me makes me smile. I will miss you but am so thankful that you were part of our lives. I love you, grandpa!

March 14 at 4:52 PM

PL

Paula Larsen posted:

To all our family, we send you prayers of comfort and strength. Aunt Eleanor sending you a big hug and a special prayer that you feel God's embrace comforting you. We were so blessed to have you as our Uncle. We always looked forward to our yearly visit to spend time together eating Aunt Eleanor's goodies and talking about family memories, and getting lots of those bear hugs full of love. Thank you for the love you showed to all of us. You will be greatly missed, but we take comfort in knowing we will see you again. Matthew 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. All our love, Tom, Paula, Melanie and Jamie

March 14 at 9:26 AM

KC

Kathleen Carroll lit a candle in honor of Francis A..



March 14 at 4:48 AM



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Kathleen Carroll posted:

Kelly and Bob and the rest of the DeBoer family, we were so sad to hear of the passing of your grandpa, know that all of you are in our prayers and thoughts as you go through this hard time, Please if we can do anything to make it a little easier for you we are just a phone call away. God Bless.

March 14 at 4:47 AM



Kelly posted:

If only every person could have a Grandpa like you. You were the best! You taught all your grandkids and great-grandkids so much and we could feel your love for us. Your tight bear hugs were the best!! will miss you Grandpa but will see you again some day. In the meantime take good care of my baby girl and give her all the hugs she can stand. I love you and will miss you very much! Kelly

March 14 at 4:30 AM



Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services shared an album called **Fritz DeBoer Album**.



March 13 at 8:37 AM



Randy Ward March 15 at 4:28 PM

Our thoughts and prayers are with you it was a pleasure being your neighbor. Sharon and Randy Ward



Ron Micka March 14 at 1:05 PM

Sincere condolence to the family on your loss. Bob, your dad was a nice man and I enjoyed talking with him at the Farmers Market. May god be with you at this time. Ron & Bonnie Micka



Media

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Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services shared 2 photos to the **Fritz DeBoer Album** album.

March 13 at 8:37 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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