



Olwyn "Ollie" McDonald

August 1, 1923 - June 29, 2018

Mrs. Olwyn McDonald, age 94, of Ferrysburg passed away Friday, June 29, 2018 at a local assisted living facility. She was born August 1, 1923 in London, England to Joseph and Lillian Davies.

Ollie and her family moved to Muskegon when she was a young child. She graduated from Muskegon Heights High School in 1941 and worked as a Typist for many years. Ollie married her husband Jack on September 23, 1944 and stopped working when they decided to have their daughter, Sandra. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who enjoyed her life most when she was surrounded by her family and friends.

Ollie and Jack made a permanent move to their vacation cottage on Spring Lake after spending their first summer there. She loved her little home on the water so much and she especially loved all her wonderful neighbors. When Ollie wasn't home watching the boats on the water she was most likely out dancing or shopping. She also enjoyed going on cruises, taking vacations to anywhere warm and eating any kind of sweet treats she could find!

She is survived by her grandson, Todd (Rachel) Madison; two great-grandsons, Troy Jr. and Todd Clark; two great-granddaughters, Sydney and Samantha Schuiteman; her dear friend, Nan Rieske; two very special people who were like children to her, Doug Mosher and Pamela Jones. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Lillian Davies; sister, Marjorie VandenBosch; husband, James McDonald; daughter, Sandra Madison; and grandson, Troy Madison.

A memorial service will take place 1:00 PM Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at The VanZantwick Chapel (620 Washington Ave). Interment will take place in Spring Lake Township Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in memory of Olwyn may be given to Multiple Sclerosis Association in honor of her grandson Troy or Hospice of North Ottawa Community. Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com.

Cemetery

Spring Lake Cemetery

17181 North Fruitport Road

Spring Lake, MI, 49456

Events

JUL **Memorial Service** 01:00PM

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The VanZantwick Chapel

620 Washington, Grand Haven, MI, US, 49417

Comments



“ Dear Todd & family,
This has been a very difficult year for you as you've experienced the loss of three people very dear to you. . .your mom, brother, and now, your grandma. You have our deepest sympathy.
Ollie and my mom became best friends when they worked together at E. H. Sheldon Company, just out of high school. Your grandpa and grandma were married just five days before my mom and dad.
My best memories of your grandma were staying overnight with your mom at their house, even though she made us go to bed early! (We turned the radio on really low and listened to that for a while!) I even went camping with them at Grand Haven State Park. One morning, at the campground, Sandy and I ate so many pieces of Ollie's French toast, that your grandma thought we were going to explode! I also went with your mom to watch her parents square dance several times.
Also, your grandma was the one that gave my mom the nickname she still goes by, "Tiny"!
We are so sorry we will not be able to attend Ollie's funeral. We are on vacation, and mom is in a nursing home. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you today. May God hold you close and give you His comfort and peace.

Lovingly,
Bonnie & Larry Vanderlaan and
Marion "Tiny" Sieplinga

Bonnie Vanderlaan - July 03, 2018 at 11:48 AM



“ Dear Todd & family - For many years, as rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Grand Haven, I was a friend of Ollie, Jack, and Sandra. They each were believable, honest, significant people. Ollie had the Welsh love of music and the Welsh commitment to Jesus. Ollie and Jack forged a marriage of support, trust and love. Sandra dealt, in a courageous way, with loss, difficulty, uncertainty. Todd, I remember you and your brother. It is good to read of your own son, your deceased brother's son, and of Sydney and Samantha. I am unable to be at Ollie's memorial service, but my prayers and thoughts are with all of you.
God holds us in the goodness of love, so that we may hold each other in the goodness of love. With my sympathy, respect, and love, John Hills 2312-557-8595

John B Hills - July 03, 2018 at 10:20 AM



“ Ollie was one of the kindest people I've ever known. She was my Aunt, and my friend.

Paul VandenBosch

Paul VandenBosch - July 02, 2018 at 10:11 PM



“ I remember Ollie when I was first learning how to square dance. She was so light on her feet and such a joy to know. Sympathy to the family.

Beverly Smoes - July 02, 2018 at 07:52 AM



“ We will miss you sweet Ollie

Rachel Schuiteman - June 30, 2018 at 05:53 PM