



Dorothea Welch-Engelsman

November 30, 1925 - February 3, 2024

Dorothea Welch-Engelsman, 98, of Zeeland, went to be in the arms of Jesus on Saturday, February 3, 2024.

Dorothy was born in Holland on November 30, 1925, to Benjamin & Henrietta (Klein) Kole. She graduated from Holland High and married Walter Welch. Walter and Dorothy raised four children together in Zeeland. Dorothy worked for many years at the Howard Miller Clock Company. After 48 years of marriage Walter preceded her in death in 1993. A while later, she met Willis Engelsman and they were married in 1995. Dorothy and Willis were members of Forest Grove Reformed Church. Sadly in 2004, she was widowed again when Willis died. Dorothy moved to the Atrium at Royal Park and enjoyed her time living there. Everyone who met Dorothy was greeted with a smile, and she was a great inspiration to all.

She was also preceded in death by her son Terry Welch, son-in-law Jay Groenewoud, grandson Todd Welch, sister and brother-in-law Marilyn & Melvin Hirdes, brother-in-law Robert & Wilma Welch, step-sons Arthur Pater and James Rodanhisler.

She is survived by her children: Linda Groenewoud, Ronald & Sharon Welch, Kris Wesseldyke & Tim Theisen, daughter-in-law Susan Welch, grandchildren: Patty Mattila, Shelly & Craig Bundy, Rebecca and Robert Palmer, Brian

Culver, Robert & Dillon Wesseldyke, Marcy & Justin Kolean, Amanda and Ross Schipper; great-grandchildren & great-great-grandchildren: Jennifer Welch, Jeff and Lindsey Welch, Derek Bundy, Sarah Burkel, Anthony Burkel, Noah Burkel, Sabrina Palmer, Daniel Wesseldyke, Milaya Kolean, Pierson Kolean, Tanner Schipper, Blake Schipper; step-children: Delores Pater, Nancy Rodanhisler, Linda & Bill Raterink, Sandy & Arlan Boersen, Wayne Engelsman, Brian Engelsman; several step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and many extended family members.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm, Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at Forest Grove Reformed Church, 1630 32nd Ave., Hudsonville MI 49426. Pastor Doug Hoeve will officiate. Visitation will be 4-6 PM, Tuesday at the Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland MI 49464. Interment will be in Restlawn Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Holland.

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Cemetery Details

Restlawn Memorial Gardens

994 Paw Paw Dr
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 396-4949

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home
251 South State Street
Zeeland, MI 49464

Funeral Service

FEB 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

Forest Grove Reformed Church
1630 32nd Ave.
Hudsonville, MI 49426

Tribute Wall

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“ Dorothea always had a smile and kind word to say when I served at Royal Atrium Inn as one of the chaplains. My sympathies to her loved ones. Sincerely, Cindy Nyhoff

Cindy Nyhoff - February 19, 2024 at 11:12 AM

GT

“ My deepest sympathy to Dottie’s family. I took care of her at the atrium & she was such a great & loving person. Loved her puzzles & showing them to me when they were finished. She will be dearly missed. Prayers & hugs to all who loved her as much as I did. Gwen Treffers

Gwen Treffers - February 06, 2024 at 08:53 PM

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“ My sympathy and prayers for her family❤️ I loved taking care of her at the Atrium. She was so kind and a happy lady. Loved her. A blessing to me!

Kathy Smith - February 05, 2024 at 04:15 PM

RB

“ Randall Hirdes & Joan Beelen purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dorothea Welch-Engelsman.



Randall Hirdes & Joan Beelen - February 05, 2024 at 11:35 AM

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“ Kris, Sharon and families,

So sorry to hear about the loss of your Mother. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Hugs

Cheryl Wasson Klingenberg

Cheryl L Klingenberg - February 05, 2024 at 08:06 AM