



Eleanor Hughes

July 16, 1933 - September 9, 2019

Eleanor Hughes, age 86, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, September 9, 2019. Eleanor and her husband Bob lived in Grand Rapids until Bob became the Executive Director of Camp Geneva in 1974 at which time they moved to Holland. Eleanor was a lifelong educator. Eleanor began her career helping to set up education programs for young children at the Grand Rapids YMCA and The Other Way ministries before moving into elementary education at schools in Zeeland, Grand Rapids and finally at Longfellow elementary in Holland. She dedicated her life to instilling the passion for learning to those around her. While serving as a full time educator, Eleanor established programs to encourage women to enter the workforce, partnered with Hope College and Grand Valley State University on student teaching programs and education workshops working to integrate leadership lessons from education into industry. She is survived by her husband, Robert Hughes; daughter, Luann (Ronald) DeVries; son, Paul (Lynn Marks) Hughes; grandchildren, Amy (Jordan) Kramer [Emerson, Hadley], Jill (Justin) Johnson [Claire, William]; and sister, Erma Brinks. A memorial service is scheduled for 2:00 pm on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at Christ Memorial Church, 595 Graafschap Rd. Holland, MI 49423 officiated by Darryl Bartlett. A time of visitation with the family will precede the service and start at 1:00 pm. Memorial contributions may be given in Eleanor's honor to Holland Rescue Mission or Camp Geneva. Burial to take place in Forest Grove Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Eleanor Hughes*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM

CB

“ *"Dear Bob, Luann, Paul and families. Ah, what memories we have of Eleanor. She was a vivacious and caring friend and teacher who represented all that is good. She gave not only knowledge but life skills to her students and created a desire for learning in them. Her sense of humor as a staff member at Longfellow carried us through the day, even when the going got tough. She will be missed but never forgotten. A true gift from God to those who met her. God Bless."*

Charles and Jeanene Vanden Berg - September 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *"Bob, my sympathy to you & the family. It is a blessing to have known Eleanor and good to meet you the other day at Holland Hospital. Praise God for her life. Vonnie DeVries"*

A friend - September 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ *"Bob, Grace and peace as you and your family grieve the death of Eleanor. Dick & Nancy Doeden"*

Dick - September 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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Dick Doeden - September 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *"I was in your mom's second grade class and ended up selling your family my horse, Duchess. Your mom made a positive and lasting impression on my life. Her kindness will always be remembered. Jan (Stuart) VanderWerp"*

A friend - September 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KS

“I had Mrs. Hughes when I was in 1st grade (1991/1992 school year). She was by far one of my favorite teachers. She has such a passion for teaching and making school fun for her students. Part of the reason I decided to go in to teaching was because of her. Even after graduating high school and throughout college I would run in to her at the supermarket and she always knew who I was and we would chat for a few minutes and she was always so kind and encouraging. My deepest condolences to your entire family. She was a beautiful, kind, loving, and passionate educator. She will be missed deeply Kelly (Schroeder) Wendzel”

Kelly Schroeder - September 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DH

“Bob and family, I am so sorry to hear of Eleanor's passing. I didn't get to know her long, but she was the nicest person. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.”

Don Hillebrands - September 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KT

“I'll always remember Eleanor and her smile and passion for children! I taught with her at Longfellow and she was always a bright light in my day. My condolences to her family!”

Kathy Torrey - September 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CC

“Over 40+years later and I look back and fondly remember Mrs. Hughes from Longfellow elementary. She was a long, compassionate, funny lady. My condolences to get family and friends.”

Christal Christal - September 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“Many growing up fond memories.”

Kenneth Kuieck - September 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM