



Elly Butler

January 31, 1930 - April 9, 2022

Elly Louise Butler, age 92 of Zeeland, went to be with her Lord and Savior Saturday, April 9, 2022. She was born in Haarlem, the Netherlands on January 31, 1930.

She is survived by her children: Alan and Maria Visser, Brian Visser, and Greg and Suzanne Visser; her grandchildren: Matt and Jada Visser, Nick and Jeni Visser, Tanya Visser, Nathan and Rachael Visser, Conlin and Jamie Britton, Kyle and Noella Britton, Sydney Visser, Nolan Visser, Kevin and Jill Fethke, Danny Gingrich, Jackie Gingrich, Josh Butler, and Jeremy Butler; 13 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

Elly was preceded in death by her husband Vern Butler, her son Mike Butler and her grandson Tyler Butler.

Elly immigrated to the United States from the Netherlands in 1955. She enjoyed raising her three sons on Central Ave in Zeeland and found a supportive network of friends there. Elly and her second husband Vern Butler then established Zeeland Hardware in 1977 where she loved working for almost 50 years until the age of 92. Elly was a member at Second Reformed Church for 60 years where she was very active. Throughout this time, she developed many caring friendships of all ages. Elly loved her family, her church and her town. She will be dearly missed.

Visitation will be 4-7 pm Friday, April 15, 2022, at Second Reformed Church, 225 East Central Avenue, Zeeland. The memorial service will be 11 am Saturday, also at the church. Interment will be in Zeeland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Second Reformed Church or Spectrum Health Hospice. www.yntemafh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Second Reformed Church
225 East Central Avenue
Zeeland, MI 49464

Memorial Service

APR **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Elly Butler*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - April 15, 2022 at 10:22 AM



“ *Elly Butler*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *Elly was truly an inspiration to me and others on how to live a full life. Working still at 92 bringing happiness to others through framing their memories. She always made my art look better after framing for me. My deepest sympathy to Greg, Suzanne, Tanya, Nick, Nate and others. She will be really missed by me and others!*

Lynn Bekins - April 13, 2022 at 09:05 PM



“ *She was a wonderful lady, artist, helper, . She did many a framing for us at the hardware on main st. She sure will be missed..*

kennethdegraaf - April 13, 2022 at 08:47 AM

MH

“ I've known Ely as long as the hardware store was in Zeeland. She was a kind lady if you were short on change she would say close enough . Sorry for your loss Alan , Brian and Greg , I was a neighbor on Central Ave .

Michael Van Haitsma - April 12, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Ely Butler.



April 12, 2022 at 05:36 AM

WF

“ With love from the Voskuil family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Ely Butler.



With love from the Voskuil family - April 11, 2022 at 10:02 PM

CV

“ Ely will always be remembered as a wonderful warm person. A true servant of the Lord. She will be greatly missed by her friends at Second Church and in the community. My sincere sympathy to the entire family.

Char VanBeek - April 11, 2022 at 06:56 PM

JC

“ I have good memories of Elly and Vern at Zeeland Hardware. In later years, she was the go-to person for ordering frames. Rest in peace Elly.

Jim Camenga - April 11, 2022 at 04:50 PM

CB

“ Elly was a role model for me. If I can reach her age with half the talent, grace, goodwill and sweetness of Elly, I will be happy! She was a huge supporter and promoter of the art in the Zeeland Art Gallery and always happy to help with a wire or needed fix. I am so sad for Greg and Suzanne and all of Elly's family and will offer prayers for them. "I miss you already Elly!" Love, Cindy Bender

Cindy Bender - April 11, 2022 at 03:25 PM

JS

“ A wonderful sweet lady who was always very helpful. A pleasure to talk with when visiting the store where she worked wonders framing the treasures of Zeeland.

Jim Searls - April 11, 2022 at 02:49 PM

NR

“ My sincere condolences to Elly's family and many friends. I cannot even remember when I first met Elly; I feel like we have been friends forever. Elly never met an enemy - she was a true steward of God and friend to all. We shared a lot of good times together and with other friends: church, book club, Holland Symphony, Hope Summer Theatre, Monday lunch at Frank's, birthday dinners with friends, lunch at Panera's after Sunday church, and I could go on. She shared her love for knitting with one of my daughters - she even bonded with my family - I think they all have something framed by her! Elly will be missed by everyone who knew her. What an amazing lady. She is flying high and pain free. My Love, Nancy Rebhan

Nancy Rebhan - April 11, 2022 at 11:22 AM

BM

“ Elly may be gone from this world, but she has left a little piece of herself behind in the hearts of those of us who were privileged to have called her "friend". She will be greatly missed.

Bonnie Morgan - April 11, 2022 at 10:31 AM

AN

“ My deepest condolences to the family. Elly was a good friend to so many and a wonderful mentor and friend to me during my time as an intern at Second Reformed Church. Elly was a smart as she was kind and will be deeply missed. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Amy Nyland - April 10, 2022 at 06:48 PM

PL

“ Elly is one of nicest and gentleness souls that I have ever come across. Strong, dignified and so caring for the people who were her friends. We will miss her smile and waves during our walks down Central and seeing her presence in the pews of Second Reformed Church. Elly will be truly missed and we send condolences to her family and friends

Phung Lam - April 10, 2022 at 06:40 PM

MM

“ I will miss her smile and her wit and her support.

Mary Merrill - April 10, 2022 at 06:01 PM

JE

“ Elly was one of Gods best humans. Jack and Marcia

Jack & Marcia Van Eden - April 10, 2022 at 05:41 PM

BV

“ Dennis and I wish to send condolences to your family. We were so saddened to hear of her death as are our granddaughters. She was so special to all of us. I took them out to the lake today so we could talk and share memories. We were thinking of words to describe this remarkable person. We came up with dignified, thoughtful, beautiful, loyal, fun, with it, and finally irreplaceable. Grace and peace from all of us.

betty Voskuil - April 10, 2022 at 05:27 PM

JW

“ So sorry for your family loss. She was a very sweet & positive lady. Always enjoyed her at the store & seeing her at Frank's.

Jason Wolters - April 10, 2022 at 05:13 PM

TF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Elly’s passing. She was a lovely person. Just recently I had her frame an icon for me. As expected, she did a lovely job on it. She had an artist’s eye. She was kind and hard working. I loved that she was willing to participate in a Welcoming Church event offered by Room for All several years ago. My thoughts are with you, her family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Thomas Folkert - April 10, 2022 at 04:57 PM

MJ

Beautiful soul. So glad to have known her.

Marilyn Jones - April 11, 2022 at 10:39 AM

DK

She was a dear friend to my mother. Our condolences.

D.J. Kramer - April 12, 2022 at 07:21 AM