



Elsa J. Deventer

December 31, 1924 - October 29, 2023

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Elsa Janni Deventer (nee Tijssen) age 98, died peacefully in her sleep at Resthaven Care Center in Holland, Michigan, on October 29. Elsa was born in Velsen, the Netherlands. She attended school for accounting and worked in her parent's store in IJmuiden. She married her husband, Cornelis "Case" Deventer, in 1946 and the two of them immigrated to Holland, Michigan in May 1953. Elsa was active in her church, Central Avenue CRC, and in her community. She worked for many years as a part-time bookkeeper for Holland Motor Sales. Like her husband, she loved classical music and played the recorder with a group of Hope College old instrument enthusiasts for many years. After she retired, she spent many happy hours as a librarian at Evergreen Commons, organizing books and visiting with patrons. Elsa volunteered for the Chamber of Commerce during Tulip Time, answering questions about the festivities and sometimes about her own Dutch heritage.

Elsa was much loved by her children, Patricia (Calvin) and Linda (Tom), and her grandchildren, Emily (Sam), Caitlin (Mark) and Lauren. Her great grandchildren Wyatt, Emmit, Rhys and Everett often visited her at Resthaven, delighting all of the residents with their energy as they went to Captain Sundae for ice cream.

Elsa was preceded in death by her husband, Case, her brother, Ben, and her grandson Ben. She is survived by her brother, Piet and her sister, Janni VanNoord-Tijssen in the Netherlands. A private celebration of her life will be held by family. Interment will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. No visitation or memorial is planned. Donations in her honor may be given to Resthaven Care Center www.resthaven.org.

Cemetery Details

Pilgrim Home Cemetery

370 E. 16th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall

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“ *May your memories comfort you all as you remember and reflect on the life of your mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. I have fond memories of visiting your home and of watching our mothers play scrabble together for over 50 years, I believe. With sympathy, Joanne Spoelstra (Polet).*

Joanne Spoelstra - November 05, 2023 at 05:14 PM

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“ *De kettingrokende tante Els. Gecondoleerd. Toch bijna 100 geworden.*

Rob Verhoog - November 04, 2023 at 05:00 AM

CV

“ *I send you my condolences, I remember her as "Tante Els" when we met her in the early 70's.*

Cees Verhoog - November 04, 2023 at 03:18 AM