



Esther DeVries

February 5, 1928 - April 24, 2026

Esther DeVries, age 98, of Jenison, passed from earth to heaven to be with her Lord on April 24, 2026.

Esther was the youngest of seven children and the only daughter in her family. After the early loss of her mother, her uncle and aunt, James and Alice (Sterken) Wagenaar, were instrumental in raising her alongside her cousin, Leona (Wagenaar) Piers, with whom she shared a lifelong bond.

A proud graduate of Holland Christian High School Class of 1946 and the Blodgett School of Nursing Class of 1949. Esther retired at age 75, after dedicating over 50 years of her life to the care of others as a Labor and Delivery Nurse at Blodgett Hospital.

Esther was known for her independence and positive attitude. Her keen sense of fashion, particularly her fondness for leopard prints, was a reflection of her vibrant personality. She also enjoyed basking in the sunshine and cherished the beauty of the beach. A woman of deep connections, Esther valued her relationships with family and friends, often reaching out through greeting cards to keep in touch and share her love.

Esther is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Jan & Paul Walcott; her granddaughters and their husbands: Lauren Walcott & Sam Bowerman, Jillian

Walcott & AJ Monterusso; and great-grandchildren, Esther Jean and Anthony J Monterusso III; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Esther was preceded in death by her husband, Lee DeVries, as well as her parents, Henry B. and Anna Sterken, her beloved aunt and uncle James and Alice Wagenaar; her siblings, and her cherished cousin, Leona.

A memorial service to honor Esther's life will be held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at Hudsonville Reformed Church, 3950 Highland Drive, Hudsonville, MI 49426. Visitation will be from 5:00-7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 28, at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 South State Street, Zeeland, MI 49464.

Special thanks to the staff at The Oaks at Jamestown Assisted Living community who cared so well for Esther for the last eighteen months of her life and to Jessica and the Hospice of Holland team for their compassionate care.

Memorial contributions may be given to Grand Rapids Community College Foundation's Margaret Bowles Scholarship Fund (nursing program) (<https://www.grcc.edu/employers-community/grcc-foundation/donate>) or Hospice of Holland ([https://www.hollandhospice.org/ways-to-give/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=1689712957&gbraid=0AAAAADla_DaGJSsG1yBS-g26LihXVkz8l&gclid=CjwKCAjwqazPBhALEiwAOuXqdLQKCOtoOSqUtPC_i9cqwsby73GSrlipXEGUys3_Tg1M2PdP6INLGRoCM3EQAvD_BwE\)#](https://www.hollandhospice.org/ways-to-give/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=1689712957&gbraid=0AAAAADla_DaGJSsG1yBS-g26LihXVkz8l&gclid=CjwKCAjwqazPBhALEiwAOuXqdLQKCOtoOSqUtPC_i9cqwsby73GSrlipXEGUys3_Tg1M2PdP6INLGRoCM3EQAvD_BwE)#)). To leave condolences online, please visit www.yntemafh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home
251 South State Street
Zeeland, MI 49464

Memorial Service

APR **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Hudsonville Reformed Church
3950 Highland Drive
Hudsonville, MI 49426

Tribute Wall

DH

“ *I was sorry to hear of Esther's passing. She was truly the salt of the earth and the liberal giver of her skills and knowledge for so many years in labor and delivery. My deepest sympathy to the family.* ”

Deb Hoag - April 27 at 10:34 AM

KG

So sorry to hear of Esther's passing when I was young and worked in labor and delivery I enjoyed working with Esther

Kathy Gorter - April 27 at 04:28 PM

DH

“ *3 files added to the album Esther DeVries* ”



Deb Hoag - April 27 at 10:34 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Esther DeVries.* ”



April 27 at 08:38 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Esther DeVries.

April 27 at 08:38 AM



“ My deepest sympathy Jan and Paul on the passing of Esther. May God surround you with his love and give you peace. Linda Norder

Linda Norder - April 25 at 05:12 PM