



Gertrude Driesenga

December 19, 1923 - December 19, 2017

Gertrude Driesenga, 94, passed away on December 19, 2017. Born October 20, 1923 in Grand Rapids, to John and Cornelia Koenes. Gertrude married Morris Driesenga in 1943; they moved to Holland in 1948, and joined Holland Heights CRC. Gertrude worked in administration, beginning at Big Dutchman and retiring from Lear Siegler. Afterwards she volunteered for Bethany Christian Services and Bibles for Mexico. Described as a "classy lady" known for her hospitality, Gertrude loved socializing with card groups and hosting dinners. Along with Morris, she transformed neighborhoods into communities. She touched many lives, and will be deeply missed by her wide circle of family and friends. Gertrude was preceded in death by her husband of 73 years, Morris; brothers and sisters-in-law: Richard, Robert, Melvin, Henrietta, and Mary Koenes. She is survived by her children: Jim (Mary) Driesenga, Tom (Sheryl) Driesenga, Pastor Mary (Tim) Dewitt; grandchildren: Edwin (Leslie) Driesenga, Pam (Curt) Kimber, Dean (Tracy) Driesenga, Joel (Dolores) Driesenga, Laura (Cam) Polinskey, Don Coats, Leslie (Marcus) Wysocki, Derek (Joy) Driesenga, Nathaniel (Ashleigh) Dewitt, Leah (Adam) Locker; 23 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter; siblings: Lorraine (Herb) Maatman, Jack Koenes; sisters-in-law, Arlene and Wilma Koenes; and many nieces, nephews. Visitation is from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 21, at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland. Funeral services are 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 22, at Holland Heights CRC, 836 E. 8th Street, Holland, preceded by a time of visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Memorial contributions are to Hospice of Holland or Mercy Air. www.yntemafh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Gertrude Driesenga*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Both Gert and Morrie were very wonderful and encouraging friends while living at Maranatha Conference Center in the summer. I have a very encouraging letter from Morrie written to me 30 years ago that I have cherished. Loved that couple!!!! Rainie Smith"*

A friend - December 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I am so glad I was able to share some time with Gert this summer. We shared memories, tears and laughter. She was such a dear lady. My sincerest sympathy."*

Jan Dirkse - December 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"My husband and I met these two about 20 years ago. They were both very special folks. We first knew their son Tom and his wife Sheryl, but shared many stories through their children. They both were very positive and very outgoing."*

Marilyn and Erwin Beemer - December 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"May you find peace knowing she lived a full life her on this earth, but will have an even fuller one in the next life. May God bless each of you as you mourn."*

Jennifer Duke - December 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM