



Gertrude M. Hulst

September 28, 1924 - May 19, 2024

Gertrude Hulst age 99, of Holland, went to be with her Lord and Savior Sunday, May 19, 2024.

She was a member of Maranatha Christian Reformed Church and former member of East Saugatuck Christian Reformed Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, daughter, Marlene, son, Paul, grandson, Dylan Compagner, and son-in-law, Gord Ellens

Gertrude is survived by her children, Keith and Barb Hulst, Sue and Larry Overweg, Jan and Bill Gruppen; daughter-in-law, Denise Hulst, and son-in-law, Jeffery Englesman; 18 grandchildren, 46 great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

To view the livestream of the service, please visit; <https://youtube.com/live/rnnk3-8XRqY>

A funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, May 23, 2024, at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church, 918 Central Ave. Holland with Rev. Mathew Stob officiating. Burial will be in East Saugatuck Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday, May 22, 5-7 p.m. at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland. Memorial contributions may be given to Holland Christian

Schools Tuition Grant Fund and Unity Christian Schools Tuition Grant Fund

Cemetery Details

East Saugatuck Cemetery

4155 58th Ave.
Holland, MI 49423

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home
315 East 16th Street
Holland, MI 49423

Funeral Service

MAY **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Maranatha Christian Reformed Church
918 Central Avenue
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall



“ *I was saddened to hear the news of Aunt Gert’s passing. She will always hold a special place in my heart. She was always so warm and kind and welcoming. We have lost a good one but Heaven has gained her!!*
Prayers for the family.
Tom and Rose (Hulst) Ranville

Rose - May 23, 2024 at 07:33 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Gertrude M. Hulst.*



May 22, 2024 at 07:03 AM

“ If we are especially fortunate in life, we are blessed with essential people who come along at the exact right time. Gert & Harold Ben Hulst were such people. In 1963, when our family moved from Cutlerville in the Grand Rapids suburbs to the Belvedere countryside at Saugatuck--a hard move for our mom--Gert and Harold were the very first in the community to come by and personally welcome us to our new home. This essential act of hospitality and kindness was the beginning of a closeness that continued till Gert's passing. In time, their magnificent oldest daughter Marlene married our dad's younger brother Gord, joining the families further. Over the many years we would follow Sunday morning services at East Saugatuck Church with coffee in Gert's kitchen. Decades later after loosing our dad and when our mom moved to Resthaven Maplewood, it was Gert--a resident herself--who was the first to greet our mother saying "Joanne, welcome, we've been waiting for you!" This was the essential gesture of hospitality mom needed in that moment and treasures to this day.

Gert came from a long line of wonderful people. Her mother, Mrs. Vork, who lived into her 90s as well, and her equally hospitable Uncle George Vork, who our family grew close to as he had also lived at Belvedere three decades before us, was a delightful gentleman and local historian with vivid memories of those early days that included Gert's childhood. Gert's 99 years arced incredible history and life experience, but I think what was a most remarkable characteristic of Gert was her sense of welcome and warm hospitality. When you were with her you were home, you were family.

Irreplaceable and already much missed, Gert lives on through Keith, Sue, Jan, and loving memories of Harold Ben, Aunt Marlene, my childhood pal and her youngest son Paul, and their respective families ... and through our many joyous memories of her.

Gert's was a life well lived and in exemplary service of so many. Those of us touched by her life are the better for it, and I believe I

Speak for my entire family in saying we are grateful and privileged to have been a part of it.

In deepest sympathy, and loving memory,

Ken Ellens, Joanne Ellens

Gary & Jim Ellens and Paula (Ellens) Tanis

Ken Ellens - May 21, 2024 at 09:53 PM

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“*Jan and Bill my deepest sympathy to you and your family. I remember her yet from East Saugatuck church years ago. You were blessed to have her 99 years❤️ Keeping you all in our prayers.*”

Kathy smith - May 20, 2024 at 02:53 PM