



## Gladys Essenburg

December 22, 1933 - September 3, 2017

Gladys Essenburg (Kotman), age 83, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, September 3, 2017. She was a member of the Holland Heights Christian Reformed Church. Gladys is survived by her husband of 57 years, Milton; her daughter and son-in-law, Sheri & Rev. Mark Bennink; her granddaughter, Laura Bennink; and her grandson, Matthew Bennink. Other relatives are her brother, Robert (and Vicki) Kotman; her brothers-in-law, Ronald (and Kaylene) Johnson, Robert Essenburg, Arnold (and Marilyn) Essenburg, Donald (and Lois) Essenburg, Richard Essenburg, and Clifford (and Julie) Essenburg; her sisters-in-law, Jan Essenburg and Evelyn (and Carl) Van Ingen; and step-in-laws, Howard (and Kathy) Avink, Helene (and Tom) Van Huis, and Richard (and Jo) Avink.

Gladys was predeceased by her brother, Howard Kotman; her sister, Darthea Johnson; her brother-in-law, Rev. Gerald Essenburg; and her sister-in-law, Carol Essenburg. Besides being an outstanding homemaker, wife, mother, and grandmother, Gladys taught over 30 years, mostly at Zeeland Christian School. There she was known for her love for her students. She was also church librarian for many years, and she carried on various other teaching functions. She was known as "gentle, pleasant, and true." Visitation is 4:00-7:00 pm Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at Langeland Sterenberg Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland, MI 49423. Funeral Services are 11:00 am, Thursday, September 7 at Holland Heights Christian Reformed Church, 836 E. 8th St. Holland, MI. Interment will be in East Saugatuck Cemetery. Memorial

contributions may be given to Zeeland Christian Schools.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gladys Essenburg*

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August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Milt; I know how much Gladys meant to you, so sorry for your loss."*

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**Allen Sundsmo** - September 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"We will miss you, Aunt Gladys. You were such a blessing to us. You were a wonderful example of a gentle and quiet spirit. With all our love,"*

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**Karl and Jill Essenburg** - September 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Mark and Sheri, you have our condolences. So sorry to hear about your mom."*

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**Julie Huyser** - September 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM