



## Joanne Van Baren

Joanne (De Vries) Van Baren, of Jenison, MI, formerly of South Holland, IL, passed away on Monday, December 4, 2017. To make a long story short... Joanne was born in 1936, in Visalia, CA, to Thomas and Agnes (Broersma) De Vries. She graduated from Valley Christian High School, and attended Calvin College where she met Gilbert F. Van Baren. In 1958 they married, and they raised their family in South Holland, IL. Joanne was trained as a teacher, but primarily worked in the home and helping Gil with the family business, Rosewood Landscaping. Joanne and Gil were long time members of the South Holland/Crete Protestant Reformed Church. She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Gil, in 2012. She was also preceded in death by her sisters: Anna Baar, Mary Beth Bootsma, her in-laws: Arvin Kravig, Ted Baar, Calvin DeKruyf, Bertha and Anthony De Young, Alice and Art Zandstra, Willie and Sam Vroegh, Agnes Kuiper, Joanne Vroom, Frank Van Baren, and Jan Bootsma. She is survived by her children: Cheryl and Keith Van Drunen of Lansing, IL, Dale and Melissa Van Baren of Crete, IL, Sue and Doug Bleyenburgh of Hudsonville, MI, and Amy and Mike Langeland of Zeeland, MI; her 12 grandchildren: Emily and Scott Zandstra, Elizabeth Van Drunen, Kate and Nick Holtrop, Eric Van Drunen and fiancé Hannah Van Maanen, Cole Bleyenburgh, Kelli Bleyenburgh, Erin Langeland, Caleb Bleyenburgh, Nathan Langeland, Grant Van Baren, Natalie Langeland, and David Langeland, three great-grandchildren: Morgan, Addison, and Hunter Zandstra. Joanne is also survived by her siblings: Susie Kravig, Jen and Dave

Van Duyn, Alice Ruth De Kruyf, Tom and Mary De Vries; in-laws: Gene Kuiper, Eileen Van Baren, Ken and Denise Bootsma, Gertrude and Don Vroom, Gise and Carolyn Van Baren, Sylvia and Melvin Hugen, Anna Mae and Case Nymeyer. Visitation will be 4:00-6:30 pm Eastern Time, Wednesday, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th Street, Holland MI 49423. Visitation will also be 4:00-7:00 p.m. Central Time, Thursday, at Crete Protestant Reformed Church, 1777 East Richton Road, Crete, IL 60417. Services to honor the faith and life of Joanne Van Baren will be held at 11:00 am Central Time, Friday, Dec. 8, 2017, at Crete Protestant Reformed Church. Private Interment will be in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Lansing, IL.

Memorial contributions to: PRCS/HCHS-10790 Calumet Ave., Dyer IN 46311, Heritage Christian School-6340 Autumn Dr., Hudsonville MI 49426, Covenant Christian High School-1401 Ferndale Ave., Grand Rapids MI 49534, or Elim Christian Services-13020 S. Central Ave., Palos Heights, IL 60463.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joanne Van Baren*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Thinking of and praying for you. Her greatest successes are her children. May she rest in peace and rise in glory."*

**Thomas Folkert** - December 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Dear Mike an family we are so sorry for your loss May God love and peace be with you in the days to come"*

**joe fabiano** - December 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I am sad to have heard the news of Mrs VanBaren's passing. I have fond memories of her hospitality throughout my room-mate years with Amy! Thinking of you all this week.Leanne Stam"*

**Leanne Stam** - December 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"On behalf of American House we want to convey our deepest sympathy to you in the loss of your Mother. We want to thank you for the privilege of caring for her at Sandalwood Manor. May God bless and comfort you as you grieve."*

**Julie Ann Mesman** - December 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MM

“We will miss Joan's smiling face everyday. I love her whitty personality and that's what made us so close. She will be loved and missed everyday, forever in my heart. We love you.”

Monique Molero - December 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SD

“I will never forget the time I got to spend caring for Joanne. It was a pleasure getting to know her and your family, God's loved truly shined through Joanne and all of you. I pray that your family finds an overwhelming peace in celebrating Joanne's life. With love,”

Shelbi Dyke - December 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GE

“Dear Dale & Melissa and Van Baren family,  
We remember your mother and dad very well from associations in California and at Elim in Illinois. She now has joined the saints in Glory, including her husband and siblings! We send our condolences to you and your other loved ones. May the God all peace bless you with much comfort, as you trust Him, especially during this time of grief. We will continue to lift you up in prayer as you experience the next couple of days, as you celebrate her life. SHALOM!! Because of Christmas ... George & Betty Groen”

George - December 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MD

“Dear Amy, Mike and kids (Sue and Cheryl too)..Peace to you. I'm so sorry to hear of Joanne's passing. I thought it a privilege to work with her and get to know her while she stayed w/ us at Waterford. You are in my prayers. - Michele Dykstra”

Michele Dykstra - December 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM