



Lillian Slenk

June 14, 1928 - October 24, 2017

Lillian Slenk, age 89, of Holland passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 24, 2017. She was a beautiful, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. Lillian graduated from Holland Christian and was a charter member of Providence CRC. She was a floral designer for many years. She loved to swim, walk, was an incredible cook, and creative gal. She treasured family get-togethers, lunches with her sisters, spending time with her grandkids. She had a sensitive but strong spirit, was full of love for others and a pillar of faith for her family. You always knew how much you were loved because she had the ability to cry, laugh, encourage and celebrate through every milestone. She was preceded in death by her husband, John in 2010. She is survived by her children, Terry (Kristi) Slenk, Mike (Belva) Slenk, Deb (Joe) Baillargeon, Jana (Mike) Stejskal, all of Holland, Rick (Lori) Slenk of Annapolis, MD, and Sally (Verlan) Van Wyk of Grinnell, IA. Her siblings, Euni Timmer, Elte Klynstra, Nancy (Jim) Meyer, and Lee (Carol) Karsten. She was blessed with 20 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. Funeral services are planned for 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 27, 2017 at Providence CRC, 821 Ottawa Ave., Holland, with Pastor Bryan VanSoelen officiating. Burial will be in Graafschap Cemetery. Visiting hours are from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, October 26, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E 16th St., Holland. Contributions may be made to Holland Christian Schools, Sully Christian School or Annapolis Area Christian School. www.langelandsterenbergh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lillian Slenk*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"To the dear family of Lillian Slenk I had the privilege to meet your cherished mother, grandmother, aunt and friend by companionship visits through Hospice care early this summer. My weekly visits were delightful. Even though one phrase was prominent, there was a strong knowledge of Hymn singing left deep within her. By Divine blessing her singing ability came forward at the end of a prayer. I said, what a friend we have in Jesus! And broke into that song and to my complete amazement she joined in each verse (at least the ones I could recall). Next visit and at least 7 following, I brought a hymn book and we delighted in singing together after reading her daily devotional book. The time I remember the best was the day we sang It is well with my Soul. on the refrain she even added the echo! It was very well with her soul and she is now rejoicing with Jesus in the heavenly realms. Even though she responded to everything with, I feel like a King. There was different intonation in her voice and facial expressions that were precious and loving. Her Spirit was alive and well and now is on the other side of the veil with Jesus and Her Heavenly Father. I'm sorry to have missed her memorial service, we were visiting our son and family out of state. I think I saw her the day before she passed and I didn't think I would see her again on earth. Today I visited her Dining table friends and they also have such fond memories of Lillian's sweet and classy personality. She never complained and had a positive attitude with her smile. Memories of Lillian make me so glad I met her. Her spirit is a great example of how to BE. Eloise"*

Eloise Shattuck - November 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AF

“I am so saddened to hear of Lil's passing. She was a familiar face in my growing up years in Holland. She is fondly remembered for being a kind woman and friend to my parents. She will always be remembered for being part of the "Brat Fry" gang. Rest in the arms of Jesus, Mrs. Slenk! Marla Ribbens Hoving"

A friend - October 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SB

“I met Lillian in October of 2012 when I got locked out of my apt. at Lakeside Vista and she got help for me. She and Jo Slenk were friends and I got to know them very well. Lillian's smile was the greatest , if you were having a bad day her smile made it all better. " I feel like a king " for having met her."

Shirley Banaszak - October 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MB

“I am so grateful that I and my husband were able to know Mrs Slenk in a small way at Lakeside Vista. When greeted, her response was always "I feel like a king". What a testimony she was for her Heavenly Father and I am so grateful that she is truly feeling like a king now!"

Mary Boeve - October 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“I loved your Mother. She was like a second Mom to me when we were growing up with all the cousins. What a beautiful legacy she has given her family and friends!"

Doug Zoerhoff - October 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AB

“I met Lillian in 1970 when I worked for Holland Floral. She was such a kind & loving lady! I cherish my memories of her & your father. They are a big part of who I became to this day learning so much about life from them. I am honored to have known them both. My condolences to their family.”

Anita Bayless - October 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MW

“Lillian was a sweetheart,I got to know Lillian when she moved into the assisted-living where my mother is. She always had a smile. When she found out that I got engaged she held my hand and just gave me a big big smile. These memories are priceless❤️ She is going to be greatly missed at the table, at Lakeside VistaMay the Lord hold you tight as you experience the loss of your mother.Prayers for all of you ,Marti”

Marti Wiggins - October 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JS

“Our sincere condolences to the entire family of Lillian Slenk. For many years, we've heard delightful stories of Rick's mom and Lori's mother in law. They cherished her so!Now she's in God's presence in perfect peace.”

Jill Strickland - October 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TZ

“You are in my prayers. I loved your mom. She was a great aunt!”

Tim Zoerhoff - October 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM