



Martha Della Beld

August 30, 1929 - January 10, 2024

Martha D. (Debbink) Beld, 94, of Holland, died January 10, 2024.

Martha was a 1947 graduate of Wauwatosa High School (Wisconsin) and also studied at Hope College in Holland. She married Gordon Beld in 1950 and lived in the Grand Rapids area from 1950-1965 and in Alma Michigan from 1965-1989. When her husband, Gordon, retired in 1989 they moved to Freedom Village in Holland where she resided until her death.

Martha was actively involved in community service throughout her life. While in Alma she was the site manager of the Gratiot-Isabella Commission on Aging's "Food with Friends" program for several years and was active in many other community and church organizations. She was one of the organizers and a board member of the Listening Ear, an Alma telephone crisis intervention service, and she was a member of the board of Alma's Friendship Center. She served on a committee which provided Christmas gifts and entertainment for more than a thousand underprivileged Gratiot County children during five years in the 1970's. In the 1980's she was a tutor in the Gratiot County Adult Literacy Program. At Alma United Methodist Church she was a member of the Administrative Board and chairman of the Mission Commission. She also was active in the church's sponsorship of a family of Cambodian refugees in the early 1980's and, with her husband, recruited sponsoring churches for five more families in Gratiot County. After moving to

west Michigan following her husband's retirement, she was involved in mentoring two Vietnamese families with Amerasian children and in Holland she was a principal sponsor in the resettlement of three families of refugees from Kosovo. She was a pastoral care elder at Christ Memorial Church in Holland.

She was predeceased by her husband, Gordon G. Beld; daughter Barbara J. (Thomas) Wagner; sisters, Mary Janice Younger and Carol Wehrley; and brothers, David H. Debbink and John D. Debbink.

She is survived by her son, Dr. Scott G. Beld of Ann Arbor, Michigan; her daughter, Dala J. Beld; son-in-law, Antxon Basurko; grandson, Alar Basurko; granddaughter, Dala Basurko of Pasai Donibane in the Basque Country of Spain; a foster daughter, Heng Eap of Long Beach, California; and sister-in-law, Nancy Debbink of Okemos, Michigan.

Arrangements and registry are at Langeland, Sterenberg, Yntema Funeral Homes of Holland, www.langelandsterenberg.com. No Memorial service is planned. Donations in memory of Martha may be made to International Aid w www.internationalaid.org.

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Cemetery Details

Grandville Cemetery

3570 Prairie St SW.
Grandville, MI 49418

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Martha Della Beld*



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A loving tribute to a life well lived. I was born the year Aunt Martha graduated from high school. My mom (Martha's sister) and Dad were living with Martha and their parents at that time and although I don't remember much, I was Martha's little friend. The pictures of Aunt Martha also showed her love for others, family of course, but also people in need of a helping hand. I remember Uncle Gor saying how she inspired him too to get involved in sponsoring Hmong refugees. She will be missed by many.

Jennifer A Younger - January 19, 2024 at 10:08 AM

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“ *When Martha and Gordon moved onto Wright Ave. in Alma, our friendship became even closer, as we lived across the street! I (Peggy) often dropped in on Martha, which sometimes involved tasting fresh-baked cookies. Martha gave of her time and effort in many ways, often reaching out to people with special needs. My life was enriched by hers! ----Peggy Smith*

Margaret A Smith - January 19, 2024 at 01:02 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Martha Della Beld.



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“ Ngan & cuc family! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martha Della Beld.

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