



Mary Ellen Boschma

April 2, 1944 - October 22, 2025

Mary Ellen Boschma (Schaap), beloved wife, mom, grandma, great-grandma, sister, and friend to many, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at the age of 81.

Mary loved to entertain and be surrounded by family and friends. She loved boat rides and spending time with her husband, Rick at their cottage on White Lake. She enjoyed her book club, playing cards with friends, her AquaFit class, her TOPS group, and gathering with her friends from high school. Mary will be remembered by her deep faith, unconditional love, and care and concern for all who knew her.

Mary will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 56 years, Richard Boschma; her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Connie & David Ide (Aaron and Kate Ide, Rya, Rhett and Harper, Cory and Nicole Biggins), Tom & Sue Boschma (Nate and Carly Boschma, Brock, Kevin and Emily Boschma, Kohen), and Carrie & Eric Rozema (Carlie and fiancé Alden Heyboer, Sara, Cody and Mason Rozema), Brad & Kristen Olthof and Kait Olthof; sister Carol DeJonge, and many special nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Kim Olthof; brother-in-law, Ken DeJonge, sister-in-law Jayne Boschma, as well as by her parents and in-laws.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 am, on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at the Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland MI 49464. Rev. Shawn Hulst will officiate. Visitation will be 4:00-7:00 pm, on Monday, October 27, also at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. The family would like to thank the Zeeland Police Department, the Zeeland and Grand Rapids emergency teams who took care of Mary.

To leave condolences online, please visit www.yntemafh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **27**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home
251 South State Street
Zeeland, MI 49464

Funeral Service

OCT **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home
251 South State Street
Zeeland, MI 49464

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Ellen Boschma*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - January 28 at 11:58 AM

BK

“ *When I first started going to the 7AM Aquafit class at Zeeland Rec, Mary introduced herself to me, and welcomed me to the group. Every morning she greeted me by name. We made a connection through my dear sister-in-law Arla. Mary shared stories about my late brother Ron with me, which were greatly appreciated, since I was young at the time of his death. Mary will be greatly missed. Heaven is welcoming Mary as she did to so many people on earth. Praying for peace for all. Beth*

Beth Kiekintveld - October 28, 2025 at 08:48 PM

TR

“ *The Baur's, Wiersmas, and Rudolphs purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Mary Ellen Boschma.*



The Baur's, Wiersmas, and Rudolphs - October 27, 2025 at 03:42 PM

TF

“ *The Millisor Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Ellen Boschma.*



The Millisor Family - October 27, 2025 at 12:33 PM

CR

“ *Community Restaurant purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Ellen Boschma.*



Community Restaurant - October 26, 2025 at 11:52 PM

CR

“ *Community Restaurant planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ellen Boschma.*

Community Restaurant - October 26, 2025 at 11:52 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Boschma.*



October 26, 2025 at 02:49 PM

LC

“ Lori & Jeff Cavanagh purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Mary Ellen Boschma.



Lori & Jeff Cavanagh - October 26, 2025 at 11:33 AM

LC

“ Lori & Jeff Cavanagh planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ellen Boschma.

Lori & Jeff Cavanagh - October 26, 2025 at 11:33 AM

CV

“ Tom and Sue, so sorry to hear of Tom's mother sudden death. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

carol veenema - October 25, 2025 at 05:35 PM

SP

“ Schaap Family: Steve & Kate, Joe & Paula purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Mary Ellen Boschma.



Schaap Family: Steve & Kate, Joe & Paula - October 25, 2025 at 02:00 PM

JU

“ I had just received a thank you card from Mary yesterday. How quickly life changes. It was so wonderful getting to know my cousins again. She was such a joy, especially during crafting, so full of life and fun. She and Carol were quite a team, cooking up breakfast... yum. I will miss her. I am so sorry for all of your loss.

Jana Underwood - October 25, 2025 at 11:12 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Boschma.



October 24, 2025 at 01:15 PM

YF

“ Your Zeeland Recreation Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ellen Boschma.

Your Zeeland Recreation Family - October 24, 2025 at 01:15 PM

TT

“ The Holland Terminal purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mary Ellen Boschma.



The Holland Terminal - October 24, 2025 at 01:11 PM

TF

“ *The Lappinga Family purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Mary Ellen Boschma.*



The Lappinga Family - October 24, 2025 at 01:05 PM

J(

“ *My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Rick, Carol, Connie and other family and friends. Mary was a dear friend and had a beautiful smile for everyone. I enjoyed exchanging annual Christmas cards with her each year. May God provide healing and comfort to so many grieving this tragic loss. Rick, may you find peace knowing she is now in the hands of her Heavenly Father. My love and prayers are with you 🙏💕, Tooge*

Jeannine Willyard (Tooge) - October 24, 2025 at 12:53 PM

DZ

“ *I will miss Mary's smile and constant happiness, even if it was only a couple of times a year that we seen it. Deepest sympathies to all of you in this time of great loss. Dawn Zwiers (Clinton Hop & Company)*

Dawn Zwiers - October 24, 2025 at 09:25 AM

KC

“ *Our entire TOPS Community lifts up Mary's family, friends, and fellow TOPS members and pray for peace in such an untimely passing. Mary was a bright light in her chapter, always encouraging others, and greeting them with a ready smile. She will be deeply missed.*

Kim Murdough, TOPS Coordinator - October 24, 2025 at 09:24 AM

SD

*Sorry for your loss. Enjoyed her company during the summer months.
Love, Sheryl D'Epifaino (neighbor on White Lake)*

Sheryl D'Epifaino - November 01, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of
Mary Ellen Boschma.*



October 23, 2025 at 08:48 PM

RS

“ *I met Mary at City Side Pool many years ago. We enjoyed breakfast
on Wednesdays and played cards once a month. She was so caring
and thoughtful to everyone she met. We will all miss her. Love,
Rose*

Rose Scheerhorn - October 23, 2025 at 08:05 PM

SK

“ *Shawn & Cheryl Kornoelje purchased the Full Of
Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Ellen
Boschma.*



Shawn & Cheryl Kornoelje - October 23, 2025 at 07:05 PM

LO

“ Love, Brad & Kristen Olthof purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Mary Ellen Boschma.



Love, Brad & Kristen Olthof - October 23, 2025 at 05:00 PM



“ Mary was such a nice person. We feel so sorry for Rick & his family. We haven't seen Rick & Mary for a few years but had so much fun with them . Praying for the whole family .

Jason Wolters - October 23, 2025 at 04:15 PM