



Mildred Vander Beek

June 9, 1925 - April 11, 2018

Mildred Vander Beek's full and blessed life came to a close on April 11, 2018 at age 92. She was born June 9, 1925 in Grand Rapids, Michigan to John and Nancy Kaat. Mildred grew up in Zeeland, Michigan and was a proud graduate of Zeeland High School. Prior to becoming a stay-at-home mom, she worked as an executive secretary. She enjoyed 37 years of marriage to Rev. Jack Boerigter. Together they raised three children, Bob, Barbara and Jan. Her love of people was demonstrated in her gifts of hospitality as she entertained church members and friends in her homes in Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana and Iowa. Her passion for books and reading was evident as she started three church libraries. The church library in Demotte, Indiana is named in her honor. A person of deep faith, she started multiple women's circles and she provided inspiration as she led many Bible studies and prayer groups. Mildred was blessed to be married to Rev. Charles Vander Beek for 18 years and she assisted him in his ministry at King Park Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan until the time of his death. In 2003 she moved to Royal Park Place/Atrium in Zeeland. Mildred was a faithful member of the First Reformed Church. Her parents John and Nancy, her brother Bill Kaat and a great-grandson Brody Van Riessen preceded her in death. Among her survivors are her dear sister Esther DePree and her brother Jim Kaat. She is also survived by her children Bob Boerigter (Mary), daughters Barbara Schutt (Dave) and Jan Van Riessen (Verl) and stepson, Ron Vander Beek (Cheryl). Memories of her life will continue to be cherished by grandchildren Kara Boekenhauer (Matt), Marc

Boerigter (Brittany), Kendra Carlson (Gabe), John Boerigter (Andrea), Chad Van Riessen (Brandy) and Candi Newbury (John). Mildred will also be missed by 13 great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and a countless number of her dearest and closest friends. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, April 13, 2018 at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 South State Street, Zeeland. Her memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 14, 2018 at First Reformed Church, 125 Lincoln Street, Zeeland. Interment will be in Zeeland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Words of Hope or Western Theological Seminary. www.yntemafh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Mildred Vander Beek*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



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Our sympathies to the family of Mildred Vander Beek. We know she will be missed greatly. We came to know her when she married our Uncle Charles. She always took such good care of him and they enjoyed each other. We always thought of her as our aunt and she was a wonderful, caring person.”

Marjean Morris - April 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM



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"All those who loved Mildred are in our prayers. She was a blessing to the many people she knew, and to the many she indirectly touched through her family and friends."

The Boeves - April 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM



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"We continue to hold all of your family up in prayer. It's so nice for your Mother to be Heavenly Healed but it's harder for those left behind. May God be with you in the coming days & weeks ahead. Let the joy of knowing your Mother was so strong in the Lord be a blessing in your life always."

Ed - April 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mildred Vander Beek*

Beverly Ohlmann - April 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JN

“*She was a good friend during her Central years and after, and I will miss her. We were also distant relatives. My sympathy and prayers are with her family.*”

John Norden - April 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MT

“*I have many happy and fun memories of spending Sunday mornings after church at the Schut's house for lunch and gatherings- being next door neighbors. Your mother was so pretty and such a caring lady. All the Schut's from Sioux Center will Always hold fond memories of a lovely lady who was a faithful servant to God's kingdom.*”

Melinda Schut Tibbetts - April 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GO

“*We want to express our sympathy to the family of Mildred. We all appreciated and loved her so much. What a wonderful lady! God bless you all. Sincerely, Henry and Franny Kruis, (neighbors) Delores Roethel, Harriet Rauwerdink, Larry and Gloria Opgenorth. (Friends) All from Oostburg. Larry and I had a wonderful visit with Mildred last Spring.*”

Gloria Opgenorthg - April 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CN

“I am so grateful to have known Mildred; she was so warm and caring, always mentioning others who might need cheering up. I know she was a true prayer warrior on behalf of her family and friends. I visited her on Monday, and when I told her she might still have some living to do, she said cheerfully, "Oh, I hope not!" She was so ready to meet her Savior and is now more alive than ever! Her re-birth in heaven was on my birthday:). I would love to see the Bible study material authored by her daughter that she was leading earlier this year...Keeping Mildred's loved ones in my prayers - Cindy N, Chaplain"

Cindy Nyhoff - April 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EM

“What a lady! So many memories of church, and mom and she's friendship. We visited her quite recently and she was sharp, with lots to share. Will always remember her with fondness.”

Ellen Mullins - April 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MT

“Mildred was a very special friend and I cherish all the memories. Sharing couples Bible Study and Reformed Church women's circle time together as well as frequent phone calls enriched my life. Praise God for her many years of blessing others. May God's grace and the Spirit's comfort and peace be with each one of her dear ones.”

Marlene Timmer - April 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GP

“*Sorry to hear about Mildred's passing. Our Brewton Bunch will certainly miss our friend Mildred. She was a woman of faith, had a great sense of humor, was a wonderful hostess, and a good friend. She will be greatly missed.*”

Gayle Peddie - April 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MW

“*So sorry to hear of Mildred's passing. We have many fond memories. Our sympathy to all of you. Our love and prayers. Mart and Shirley Wierda*”

Mart and Shirley Wierda - April 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM