



## Mrs. Muriel Berens

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Muriel Berens, formerly of Bentheim, passed away peacefully into Heaven on Wednesday morning October 30. Muriel was born December 15, 1920 to Edward & Jennie VanderPoppen. She graduated from Holland High School at 16 years of age.

Muriel married Elmer Berens in 1941 and was married for 61 years prior to Elmer's death in 2002. Muriel accompanied Elmer to Boston while he served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. They returned to Bentheim and raised 4 children.

Muriel was a firm believer in education and instilled that value in her children and grandchildren. Muriel worked as school secretary at Bentheim Elementary School for 10 years.

Muriel loved nature especially birds and was an avid Hope College basketball and Detroit Tigers baseball fan.

Muriel was a member of Bentheim Reformed Church and will be sadly missed by her family, children: Mary and Roger Smoes, Warren and Nola Berens, Ross Berens, Faye and Jeff Wysong, grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Robin and Ben Polavin (Avary, Stella), Kristin and Mitch Poll (Brady, Lily),

Susan and Jeremy Gonsior (Reid), Mitchell Berens, Ryan Smoes, sister Elaine and Ken Bolks, sister-in-law Ida Jean VanderPoppen.

Services to honor Muriel's faith and life will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, November 2, 2013, at Bentheim Reformed Church, 3997, 38th Street, Hamilton, with Rev. Doug Baker officiating. Visitation is 4-7 pm, Friday at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland. Private interment will be in Bentheim Cemetery. Memorial contributions to Western Theological Seminary or Bentheim Reformed Church Library.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Muriel Berens*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *After being contacted about Aunt Muriel's passing, I could not figure out why some unknown reason so many memories came flooding back to me about why I had spent a lot of time with her in my early years. I remeber being in the kitchen, watching her bake. Then a memory came back to me that somehow my name was connected to hers in some way. Thinking it was my middle name, til I found out this morning it was my first name. I was named after her, from her middle name. Then my middle name was named to Faye's. Now I known why I feel like I do.....so sad, but also so proud. Love to my cousins in her passing, prayers and thoughts are with you all.*

**Janice Elliston - Delton, MI - Miece** - October 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies to your family. Yesterday, (10/30) I was talking with a friend who is working at the election next week. I told her "My mom used to work at elections all the time." As I said that, the thought went through my mind "I wonder how Muriel Berens is doing?" because she and my mom always worked at elections together and my mom enjoyed Muriel's friendship very much. I will lift your family up in the days and weeks to come. Cindy (Yonker) Nyhoff*

**Cindy Yonker Nyhoff - Zeeland, MI - Friend** - October 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM