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(Ruth) Audrey Strouf, a resident of Manistee since 1959, passed away peacefully at the Inn at Freedom Village in Holland of natural causes. She was 98 years old.

Audrey is survived by her daughters: Sue (Strouf) Richmond (and her husband Mike) of Portland, Oregon and Linda Strouf of Holland; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild: David Richmond (and his wife Annie Roberts) of Nairobi, Kenya; Emily Richmond Pollock (and her husband Andy and their son Jonah) of Belmont, Massachusetts; Leslie Richmond (and her husband David Benetah) of Toulouse, France; and Matt McFarland of Glendale, Arizona. She adored all of them. She was preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Donald Strouf, and their daughter Yvonne Strouf (McFarland).

Audrey was born near Grand Rapids but grew up in Saginaw. She attended Central Michigan University, independently, to pursue a teaching career. She met Don there after his discharge from the Navy. Finding each other again while working in separate high schools, they married. They found teaching jobs in the same small Michigan towns, finally settling in Manistee where they both taught at Manistee High School. Audrey taught two generations of

students English, journalism and Latin. She didn't retire until her grandchildren arrived so that she and Don would have the freedom to drive west to visit them.

She was a woman of deep faith. She was a dedicated parishioner at Manistee United Methodist Church and its choir until its disaffiliation. She then found community with the Third Reformed Church in Holland.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, December 22, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at Third Reformed Church, 111 W. 13th St. Holland. A time of visitation and fellowship will follow the service.

Audrey supported Relay for Life (American Cancer Society) and volunteered for Project Read, causes one could contribute to in her memory.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC **22**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Third Reformed Church
111 West 13th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall

V.

“ *What a lovely picture of Audrey, smiling as she did, my dear friend, extra mother, and Child of God. We will meet again. Smiling through tears. Love, Ginny*

V.M. - December 05, 2025 at 01:41 PM

MA

“ *I will always remember Audrey for her sweet personality and the warmth she brought whenever she came down to the dining room. Caring for her was truly a joy, and her presence is deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. With heartfelt sympathy, Maria*

Maria - December 05, 2025 at 12:26 PM

BR

“ *Nobody remembered her friends' important dates like Audrey. I just received a card in her handwriting a few weeks ago. We shared good times in choir. Her devotion to Project Read was well known in the community. It was difficult to say “no” to any of her requests for help with it. Audrey will be greatly missed.*

Betty Jo Riggs - December 05, 2025 at 07:46 AM

DE

“ *I'm so glad i got to know Audrey while living in Benzie county several years ago! What a beautiful soul and so passionate to help others. She helped spearhead Project Read in Manistee county where we met. I volunteered with Project Read and was blessed to get to know her! She will be missed, but I know i will see her again someday. My condolences to her family and all who loved her. ❤️*

Denise - December 04, 2025 at 09:19 PM

DO

“ *I'm so sorry to hear this Linda. I'm so happy she was with you. I thought the world of Audrey and admired her vast talents. My two girls took Latin from her and she taught the last class during her free period because the school had dropped Latin from the curriculum. I send hugs and much love .*

Donna - December 04, 2025 at 07:53 PM