



Ruby Steketee

April 4, 1920 - September 19, 2023

Mary Ruby Steketee (April 4, 1920 - September 19, 2023).

Ruby Carpenter was raised in rural upstate New York and was quite courageous when she left home at 17 to travel to Hope College in Holland, MI. She studied toward a degree in Education at Hope for two years and then returned to New York to finish her degree. In 1941, she married Cornelius J. Steketee; their 60-year marriage was strong until he passed away in 2001. They spent about 20 years living in Grand Rapids and then moved back to Holland in 1969.

Family was everything to her; we were fortunate to have her for 103 years. Ruby and Cornie raised five active children with an 11-year age span. She shared her enduring love of animals and the natural world with her children. Ruby was fascinated by her many backyard visitors~ birds, deer, and turkey among the giant beech trees in Waukazoo Woods. She was creative with her sewing, knitting, and tatting as well as in her garden. Among her many projects was making countless sets of hats and mittens for local children.

Cornie and Ruby traveled extensively, both in the US and abroad. As a couple, they dedicated many hours to Airstream friends and trips, producing and sharing a number of well-crafted travel programs.

Ruby attended Third Reformed Church regularly until a few years ago. She sang in the choir for a number of years and also served on the Consistory.

We appreciate all of your care and concern for her. There will be a private service soon and a celebration of life sometime during the Spring/Summer of 2024. Inurnment will take place at Pilgrim Home Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Pilgrim Home Cemetery

370 E. 16th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruby Steketee.*



September 22, 2023 at 02:57 PM



“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers are with all of you as we are so grateful and blessed to have known Mrs. Ruby. What a beautiful, cherished, amazing Lady. ♡♡*

Wanda Williams - September 22, 2023 at 10:00 AM



“ *Oh, I have been watching for this. The last of the Steketee generation of my father, Simon Steketee.*

Good memories. Sally Steketee Tapley.

David and Sally Tapley - September 21, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ *So glad to have met her at our Thanksgiving gatherings!*

Pat - September 21, 2023 at 03:01 PM



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Langeland-Sterenbergh Yntema Funeral Homes - September 21, 2023 at 10:45 AM