



Ruth Bouma

February 13, 1922 - March 11, 2017

Ruth Jean Bouma, known to many friends as Hazy, passed away on March 11th. She is survived by her two children, Jane and William, her grandchildren, Ana, Lisa, and Andrea, and her sister, Janet. She was born in Buchanan, Michigan on February 13, 1922. She was married to Melvin Bouma of Zeeland, and was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved to share her knowledge of nature, plants, and birds with her family, and included golf, fishing, and reading as her hobbies. She was a graduate of Western Michigan University, and had a masters degree in education from the same. She was a second generation of teachers, and she taught Home Economics in the Hamilton Public Schools until she retired. She was a role model and positive influence on her students and her family. She and her husband, Melvin, spent their retirement years in Citrus Springs, Florida and their summers at Cobb Lake near Wayland. She was the last living charter member of the Christian Community Church that she and Mel helped form in Florida, and a member of First Reformed Church in Zeeland. She always found a way to be of service and to help people around her. She will be missed by all who knew her and were touched by her presence. www.yntemafh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Bouma*

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“ *"Ruth and Mel were an integral part of our church, Citrus Springs Community Congregational Christian Church. It was their foresight that gave us the beautiful church and congregation we have today. I'll always remember teasing Mel (a fellow Friesian) and calling him an "old Dutchman"."*

Jerry Zwaga - March 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I have so many good memories of being in her class. She taught me so much. She was a patient, caring teacher. I am sorry for your loss."*

Diane VanLente - March 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"As a student of Mrs. Bouma, I can honestly say she was an awesome influence in my life. I'm sure many would agree she was a consistent positive role model and will be missed. Condolences for the family. Many teachers are forgotten as we age but Mrs. Bouma's legacy is a shining example of her sincere love for teaching and her love for her fellow man."*

Linda Andriacchi - March 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“*I was grateful to connect with Ruth where she was most recently living - she was always friendly and cheerful. I recognized her as my Home Ec teacher at Hamilton many years ago and showed her an apron that I still had that I had made in her class! I will miss her and will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Cindy N, Chaplain*”

Cindy Nyhoff - March 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM