



Ruth L. Jarvis

October 3, 1940 - May 9, 2022

Ruth Jarvis, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, friend, and lifelong Holland resident died Monday, May 9, 2022, following a brief battle with cancer. She was 81.

Ruth graduated from Holland High School and soon after began raising a family, returned to Holland Public Schools where she worked with students in special education classrooms for 25 years. While in the twilight of her work there, she began a second career with the medical records staff at Holland Hospital for 25 years.

Through her work, her relationships, and her family she cherished people. Her faith in Jesus was centering in her life and inspired her value for people that helped her see beyond what most see. She was actively involved in a Bible Study with her longtime friends at Third Reformed Church and was attending All Shores Wesleyan Church in Spring Lake. Her greatest joys were spending time with her family and making them laugh with her remarkable sense of humor, and she took in every moment and story from their lives. She was the keeper of family stories and often called on others to retell them. Her family adored her and all who knew her, and there were many, mourn her passing.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Marjorie and William Van Howe; her former husband, Robert Jarvis; and a daughter, Kristi; and a

granddaughter, Olivia Scholma.

Ruth is survived by two daughters, Jayne (Peter) Yoshonis of Spring Lake; Susie Scholma of Holland; a son, Jason Jarvis of Holland; four brothers, Tom (Kristi) Van Howe, of Saugatuck; Mort (Fran) Van Howe, of Glenn; David (Barbara) Van Howe, of Indianapolis; and Peter (Jennifer Jacobusse) Van Howe, of Holland; eight grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and seven nieces and nephews.

Visitation with the family is 4:00-6:00 pm on Sunday, May 15, 2022, at Langeland Sterenberg Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland, MI 49423.

Memorial services at 10:00 am on Monday, May 16, also at Langeland Sterenberg Funeral Home.

Burial to take place in a private ceremony at Pilgrim Home cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be given in honor of Ruth to Chester A Ray Treatment Center, 231 Washington Blvd, Holland, MI 49423

www.langelandsterenberg.com

Cemetery Details

Pilgrim Home Cemetery

370 E. 16th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **15**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Recorded Memorial Service - May 16, 2022 in memory of Ruth L. Jarvis*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - May 16, 2022 at 04:35 PM



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth L. Jarvis*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - May 15, 2022 at 01:15 PM



“ *Ruth L. Jarvis*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM

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“ I’ve been a neighbor of Ruth for 17 years. Our houses are separated by my single car driveway...I think we were both glad we liked each other. Her back deck was right next to my drive but there was 12’ section of tall white vinyl fence that gave her privacy, connected to a section of shorter fence that we could talk over. For you Home Improvenent fans, we had a sort of “Wilson” thing going on. On nice days when Ruth was sitting on her back deck, I couldn’t see her but she could hear me coming or going from my house, and I’d hear a “hey Steve” which was my invitation to go to the fence for a chat. She was always interested in finding out how my kids were, or my mom and dad. I liked talking to her. She made you feel welcomed home.

Steve Zylman - May 15, 2022 at 11:45 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth L. Jarvis.



May 11, 2022 at 09:54 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ruth L. Jarvis.



May 11, 2022 at 07:07 PM



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Graham Duryee - May 11, 2022 at 08:47 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth L. Jarvis.*



May 10, 2022 at 09:07 AM



“ *I respected Ruth so much for her humor, positive nature, caring and the super work she did with students. She really cared!*

Nancy Heineman - May 09, 2022 at 09:41 PM