



Betty Shaarda

June 21, 1922 - November 17, 2011

Betty Shaarda of McBain went to be her Lord Thursday morning, November 17, 2011 at Autumnwood of McBain. She was 89. She was born on June 21, 1922 in Richland Township of Missaukee County to Seitse & Sena (Bolt) Ellens and they preceded her in death. On October 10, 1941 at the Ellens family home she married Robert John Shaarda and he preceded her in death on December 15, 1994.

Betty had been a member of the McBain Christian Reformed Church and the ladies aide there. She was active in the Farm Bureau and volunteered at Autumnwood of McBain and the Red Cross. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, cooking, baking and canning.

Survivors include her children: Don (Joyce) Shaarda of McBain, Ed (Norma) Shaarda of Jamestown, Lillian (Doug) Langan of Grand Rapids, Rose (John) VanDyke of Hudsonville, Paul (Carole) Shaarda and Mark (Mary) Shaarda all of McBain; 12 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; her brother, Albertus (Wilma) Ellens of McBain; two sisters: Sena (Evert) Helms and Ann DeYoung all of Jenison; sisters in laws: Carolyn Meyering of Grand Rapids and Helen Bronkema of Kalamazoo. In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by a great granddaughter, Ruby Jewel Lamkin, an infant brother, 4 sisters, 6 brothers and many in laws.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 PM Saturday, November 19, 2011 at the McBain Christian Reformed Church with Reverend Jaclyn Busch officiating. Burial will be at Mount View Cemetery in McBain. Friends may meet the family from 6-9 PM Friday (today) at the Burkholder Funeral Home in McBain. For a more lasting memorial you are asked to consider the Northern Michigan Christian School Endowment Fund. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ You have my sympathy in the loss of your Mother. Sorry I couldn't make it to the funeral. Someone had to stay with Dad in the hospital - so that was me. I have many great memories growing up with your guys with our families being so close! You all have my sincere sympathy.

Karla Oosting - November 20, 2011 at 04:26 PM

JG

“ Dear Family members - our thoughts & prayers go out to each of you as you mourn the loss of your loved one. But - rejoice in knowing that Betty is now together with her Robert and her Lord! Ed & Norma - bless you and thank you for over 42 years of friendship!

Jim & Shirley Goudzwaard - November 19, 2011 at 12:38 AM

JA

“ in our absence please know our thoughts and prayers are with each one of you. Aunt Betty was a very special aunt.

Jud and Evie Afman - November 18, 2011 at 08:00 PM

DK

“ Lil, we're so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. We're sure she is now happily at your dad's side now, though.

Denise & Walt Krbez - November 18, 2011 at 11:30 AM

NW

“ We extend our sympathy to the family of Mrs. Shaarda with special love to our dear friends Ed & Norma.

Nelson & Joan Waalkes - November 18, 2011 at 10:03 AM