



Donna M. Whaley

March 26, 1925 - December 31, 2014

Donna M. Whaley, longtime resident of Cadillac passed away Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at Green Acres Retirement Living in Cadillac. She was 89.

Mrs. Whaley was born on March 26, 1925 in Cadillac to Francis & Anna (Peterson) Emmons. She attended North Park and Lincoln Elementary Schools and graduated from Cadillac High School in 1943.

She had been employed at B.F. Goodrich, in the office at Brehm Tree and Land and was the manager at the Lyric and Cinema Theaters for 25 years. Mrs. Whaley was a faithful member of Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac where she served on the Council and Evangelist Committee and with Love, Inc. with the socks and underwear program. She was an avid golfer and was a member of the Cadillac Country Club. She also loved to play bridge and be with friends and family.

On July 8, 1950 she married Kenneth L. Whaley at Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac and he survives her along with daughters: Cynthia (Humphrey) VanderVlugt of Chase and Teresa (Paul) VanHouten of Cadillac; grandchildren: Jonathan, Becky, Rodney, Marcus and Noah; great grandchild, Olivia Marie Limburg; a sister, Bonnie (Ray) Whaley of Ada; a brother, Devere (Beverly) Emmons of Cadillac; 2 sisters-in-law: June Emmons and LaVonne

Emmons of Cadillac.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by 3 brothers, Lyle, Harold and Ray Emmons, a granddaughter, Anna VanHouten; a daughter, Jacqueline "Jackie" Harris and a special Aunt Esther Peterson.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Monday, January 5, 2015 at Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac with Reverend Scott Torkko officiating. Burial will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. Friends may meet the family from 3-6 PM Sunday at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. Memorial contributions may be made to Zion Lutheran Church or to Mercy Hospice. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ So sorry for your loss. I have many dear memories of your mom, especially at church.

Charlie Benson - January 09, 2015 at 11:11 PM

DB

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy on the loss of Donna. She was a fond part of our childhood years at family gatherings. The Family of Bill and Doris Brink

DeAnna Brink-Doll - January 06, 2015 at 11:47 AM

BW

“ Teresa My prayers are with you. With deepest sympathy.

Barb Witkowski - January 04, 2015 at 01:18 PM

BC

“ Will always remember the fun times we had at the CCC... Ladies Jamboree and all the golfing events!

Betsy Clark - January 04, 2015 at 11:22 AM

MZ

“ One of my favorite people on the world! So sad for your loss.

Mary Zagers - January 04, 2015 at 12:52 AM

LS

“ So sorry for your loss. May God give you strength.

Linda Seeley - January 02, 2015 at 11:22 PM

