



Edith L. Soles

June 12, 1928 - December 16, 2020

Edith L. Soles of Cadillac passed away Wednesday morning, December 16, 2020 at her home. She was 92. Edith was born on June 12, 1928 in Vogel Center, Michigan to James H. & Theresa E. (VanderWoude) Beerens.

She graduated from Cadillac High School in 1946. On December 3, 1948 in Cadillac she married Norman Soles and he preceded her in death on November 3, 1997. In 1951 Edith started her career with the City of Cadillac working for the City Manager and Water Department. In 1955 she became the first woman police officer for the City of Cadillac. In 1974 she completed additional training at Delta Police Academy and retired in 1985. After her retirement she came back to work as a dispatcher for the Cadillac Police Department and once again retired from the Department.

Edith had been a member of the Cadillac Women's Bowling Association where she had served as Secretary/Treasurer for many leagues and is in the Bowling Hall of Fame. Over the years she had bowled in many State and National tournaments. She also enjoyed crocheting, making Afghans and playing bingo.

Survivors include her children: Kenneth (Cindy Traviss) Soles of Newaygo, Karen (Barry) Bos, Debra Ann Soles, Cheryl (Scot) Bos all of Cadillac and Brenda (Kevin) Balcom of Marquette, Michigan; 13 grandchildren and 25 great

grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; her 3 sisters: June (Don) Powell of Bear Lake, Vera Wilson of Bradenton, Florida and Phyllis Vogt of Manton, Michigan; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by her grandson, Ryan Bos, a brother-in-law, Zane Vogt and a dear friend, Dick Olney.

In accordance with her wishes cremation has taken place and a memorial gathering will take place at a later date. Edith's final resting place will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. Memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels Cadillac. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

JD

“ Edith was a great lady and a special friend of my brother Dick Olney and all of his children and grandchildren. Her loss will be greatly felt by her family and friends. Please accept my sincere condolences to all of you. Judy Olney Durham, Redondo Beach, CA

JUDY DURHAM - December 25, 2020 at 11:54 PM

ND

“ Grandma you truly were amazing. I'm so great full for all the times I spent, nights and weeks at your house. The fun adventures we would go on. We always had a good time. Love and miss you.

Nina Dennis - December 22, 2020 at 02:59 PM

KS

“ We love you so much ተዕተን ተሰተላላ. Thank You for so many great years. You were still beating me at crazy rummy a month ago ተተን ተተላላ

Kenneth Soles - December 22, 2020 at 09:23 AM

VW

“ Sorry to hear about your mom. She sure was a woman I looked up to. I hope she knows Brenda made me get sick in her car a very long time ago. Lol ተተን ተተላላ ህጻናት ህጻናት ህጻናት hugs and prayers to your family.

Velma Wing - December 22, 2020 at 04:46 AM

BB

“ You have been my rock and my role model my whole life Mom. You were an amazing mother and I was so lucky to have you. So like you to have your obituary all ready for us at Peterson's but I wish that it captured so much more about you. You loved your family and friends so much! You loved life and lived and appreciated every day you were given. Along with your so kind and giving heart you were tough!

You became a female police officer in the 50's when that was just not something women normally did. When the policies changed in the 70's you decided to go through the rigorous police academy so that you could continue being a police officer. You raised me to be kind, strong and to know that anything was possible for us if we wanted it badly enough. You taught me to be self sufficient and to know that men and women are equals. You and Dad modeled sharing in the responsibilities of family planning, financial responsibility, caring for children, cooking, cleaning, etc.

I am so thankful and blessed to have had you for my mom. I am more appreciative of your lessons now more than ever as I need every bit of strength that I learned from you to bear the deep grief I feel now from losing you. My words just can't express how much I love you and what you meant to me and our family!

Brenda Balcom - December 21, 2020 at 01:18 PM

SP

“ So sorry to hear the passing of this wonderful woman. My mother spent considerable time with her - and I know how much her friendship meant to Mom. Even though Mom now has dementia - if she were able to celebrate Edith's life - she'd gladly be there to share in telling what a kind, compassionate woman she was. My deepest heartfelt sympathies to the family - God bless Edith.

Sean Palatka - December 21, 2020 at 02:44 AM

KB

“ Edith was my mother and will be sadly missed. She has been an amazing role model to many including her five children who she was very proud of. She always thanked everyone for visiting, for meals, taking her for a ride . . . You knew your time was appreciated. She and her sisters had memorable trips taking their parents to Florida. Mom enjoyed family, her many friends and life. She was on many bowling leagues with years of fun experiences. She also loved playing BINGO with that group of friends. Many people have dish cloths and pot holders that Edith crocheted. She was still making those and playing Crazy Rummy at 92. She will certainly be missed.

Karen Bos - December 19, 2020 at 10:51 AM

CM

“ Hugs and prayers to all family and friends for your loss .

Carla(Doan) Moffit - December 18, 2020 at 03:27 PM

VB

“ So sorry for your Loss.. Sending love 🙏🙏🙏 ΓÇÖΓÇó and Hugs

Valerie Balcom - December 18, 2020 at 01:02 PM

MK

“ So sorry to hear of your Mom' s passing. What a great lady and a real trail blazer. You honored her in the most loving way children can do: provide care and comfort for our parents when they are in need. God bless the Soles family.

Michele Kellogg - December 18, 2020 at 12:46 PM

HK

“ Our heartfelt condolences to you Brenda and Your family ... sending hugs and prayers for all 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Holly & Mike Kubiak - December 18, 2020 at 11:51 AM

MS

“ So sorry to see Edith' s passing.
She was a very special lady. Great bowler! I remember her smile that reached her eyes.
Take care and know I' m thinking of all of you.

maxine swanberg - December 18, 2020 at 07:37 AM

PK

“ My Soles Sisters,
I am so sorry to welcome you to the Adult Orphans Club. Your mom was an icon and the Kellogg sisters will remember her fondly and always. I' m happy you all had your mom and she had you for such a long life.

Paula Kellogg - December 18, 2020 at 07:03 AM

ME

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Seeing all of you spending so much time with Edith this past year was special, especially your ability to stay comfortable in her home.

We knew of her bowling skills, but holy cow, the first women police officer in Cadillac! Now there's some history. We knew about her crochet skills and still use the dish cloth she gave us last year at Christmas.

I will miss delivering meals every week and will always remember her delight when it was cut out cookie time. She did love her sweets!

Thank you to the family for suggesting that Memorial contributions be made to Meals on Wheels of Cadillac. It's a great program and we certainly enjoyed having Edith as part of our family-.

Mike Smith & Karin Elenbaas - December 17, 2020 at 05:56 PM

AD

“ It was a pleasure working with you at the City of Cadillac. Thoughts and prayers to your family.

Alan Devereaux - December 17, 2020 at 01:08 PM

JD

“ So sad to hear this news. Edith was an amazing, wonderful person!!! Always enjoyed bowling with her on the Sunday night Caberfae Couples League. Sending prayers, hugs and love.

June Denman - December 17, 2020 at 10:41 AM

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SB

“ My heart is broken, I am going to miss her so much. Sending many hugs and prayers to all of you. I sure will miss all our great times together. I love you ”
Buddy”

Shelby Bridson - December 17, 2020 at 06:56 AM

DJ

“ So sorry to hear about your Mom, Cheryl. Hope you find peace and comfort soon.

Dick Scheanwald Jr. - December 17, 2020 at 06:13 AM

MN

“ Edith has been a great friend to my family for so many years. Hoping she's bowling with Norm and my dad.

Melanie Nyland - December 17, 2020 at 06:11 AM

KW

“ So Sorry

Kathy Stewart Ward

Kathleen D Ward - December 17, 2020 at 05:30 AM

JL

“ Fond memories left behind for family and friends. Prayers and thoughts of Gods comfort for the family. Loved and respected, she remained independent to the end.
A matriarch of local law enforcement. I had the pleasure of knowing and working with her in a professional capacity.

Jerry & Diane Leavell - December 17, 2020 at 05:05 AM

EM

“ *Deepest sympathy in your loss. Aunt Margaret Johnson worked with her in City Police Dept. Quite a team. Peace and blessings*

ELSIE MOORE - December 17, 2020 at 04:55 AM

PK

“ *Mrs. Soles was a treasured member of our little town ! May she Rest In Peace* ☩ ΓÇÖΓÇó

Patti Kingsbury - December 17, 2020 at 04:29 AM

DK

“ *RIP Edith. You were a kind soul with a great deal of knowledge which you passed on to others. It was a pleasure to have worked with you at CPD. Your smile and kindness to all will be missed greatly.*

David Koenig - December 17, 2020 at 04:26 AM