



Ida Mae DeRuiter

May 14, 1924 - May 7, 2013

Ida Mae DeRuiter of Falmouth passed away peacefully Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at Autumnwood of McBain. She was 88. She was born on May 14, 1924 in Aetna Township, Missaukee County to John G. & Winnie (Jager) Herweyer and they preceded her in death. On October 17, 1946 at Prosper Christian Reformed Church she married Gerald DeRuiter and he preceded her in death on November 9, 1998.

Mrs. DeRuiter graduated from Lake City High School. She was a member of Prosper Christian Reformed Church where she taught Sunday school, was a member of Ladies Aid and did readings at church functions and always made people laugh. She enjoyed baking and will be remembered as "Grandma Cookie." She also enjoyed painting, flower gardening, playing cards with her friends, playing the piano and singing with her family. In her younger years she and her husband Gerald were avid golfers.

Survivors include her children: Jerry (Bev) DeRuiter, Ken (Ellie) DeRuiter all of Falmouth, Bev (Pete) Clover of Grand Rapids, Dawn (Mark) Ebels, Diane (Dave) DeZeeuw all of Falmouth, Bonnie (Dale) Brinks of McBain and Dave (Cindy) DeRuiter of Falmouth; 22 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; In-laws: Ruth (Ray) Modders, Alice Herweyer, Tress DeRuiter, Esther DeRuiter, Jeanette DeRuiter, Arlene Mains, Norma (Don) VanderWerf and Jane Keim.

In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by an infant son, Roger DeRuiter, an infant daughter, Betty Lou DeRuiter and brothers: Bob, Jay, Gerald, and Don Herweyer.

The family would like to thank the staffs of Autumnwod and Belle Oakes for their great care for their mom over the last three and half years and a special thank you to Barb Corpe for her care and friendship for their mom too.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Friday, May 10, 2013 at the Prosper Christian Reformed Church in Falmouth with Reverend Larry Baar officiating. Burial will be at Prosper Cemetery in Falmouth. Friends may meet the family from 6-9 PM Thursday (Today) at the McBain Chapel of Peterson Funeral Homes, Inc. Memorial contributions may be made to Northern Michigan Christian School or to Prosper Christian Reformed Church. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

JV

“ I have had the privilege of meeting Ida and Gerald as well as many of your grieving family and friends through Bev and Pete Clover. I extend my sympathy to each and grieve with you. Ida has just departed from your midst, full of years. She, along with Gerald, leave a glorious heritage that I have found that your extended family has also embraced. This heritage is alluded to in your announcement with the comments about joy, laughter, family and friends. I celebrate with you, Ida's and Gerald's legacy, and will carry with me a picture of this wondrous joyous mixture.

Jim VandenBerg - May 10, 2013 at 12:24 AM

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“ We will be thinking of you guys in the coming days.

Ken Spoelma - May 09, 2013 at 05:01 PM

AB

“ We would like to extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to you all. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers this week.

Andrew, Christi, and Tom Blum - May 09, 2013 at 11:40 AM

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“ Ida was like a second mom to me since I spent so much time at your house. I have lots of wonderful memories of her. Our sympathy and love to all of you.

Linda & Ken Van Otteren - May 08, 2013 at 09:13 PM