



## Rita Jo Parrette

July 13, 1919 - September 17, 2011

Our beautiful loving Mother, Nana and Darling wife, Rita Jo Parrette of Cadillac died Saturday, September 17, 2011 at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac. She was 92. She was born on July 13, 1919 in Warton, Ontario, Canada. Her parents Earl D. & Hazel Smith raised her in Grand Rapids..

Rita was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Cadillac where she served on the Board and in the Women\'s fellowship.

On June 21, 1940 in Grand Rapids she married Richard T. Parrette and he survives her along with their children: Sharon (Richard) Ulrey, Cynthia (Richard) Poulos all of Cadillac, Richard (Valerie) Parrette, Jr. of LaPorte, IN, Michael (Paula) Parrette of Sugar Grove, IL, Jane (Richard) LeFere of Jackson, and Candice (Brian) Gudowski of Cadillac; 12 grandchildren: Rick (Colleen Ulrey, Kimberley (Cliff) Wilkinson, Jamie (Dean) Walker, Tamara Ulrey, Amy (Frank) Cardello, Chad (Jen) Parrette, Chris (Mary) Poulos, Jodie (Jeff) Bach, Michael (Jessica) Parrette, Danielle Renwick, Jenny Parrette, and Nikolas (Amber Simms) Gudowski; 16 great grandchildren: Ivy & Zoe Ulrey, Tara & Chris Donzell, Robert Fisk, Jacob & Gregor Torrey, Alyssa & Lexie Cardello, Matthew & Marie Parrette, Kayla & Evan Bach, Kallie Poulos, Keegan & Kaleb Gudowski; and 2 great great grandchildren: Michael & Harmony Donzell; a sister, Mary Ann Withey of Grand Rapids and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister,

Shirley Gannon and a son, Kim S. Parrette and a grandson-in-law, Benn Renwick.

Our Mother was a very loving caring person with a great sense of humor and was always caring for the less fortunate. She gave to many charities and will be sadly missed by all of us.

Memorial services will be held 1:00 PM Saturday, October 1, 2011 at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac with Reverend Bruce Rose officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Mercy Hospice or to your local animal shelter. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ Sorry to be so late in signing this Guest Book, but just saw the notice this morning 12/24/16. Please accept my condolences. I Think of your family often.

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**Marc Matthews** - December 24, 2016 at 09:27 AM

AB

“ Our thoughts & Prayers for Dick and all the family. Having worked with Dick,golfed with,hunted with, andplayed Gin with for many fun years, we consider the Parrette family very special.God Bless.

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**Al & Marlyn Beechie** - September 26, 2011 at 09:17 PM

TD

“ We send our love to the entire Parrette family, especially our dear Uncle Dick. Everyone in our family will miss Aunt Rita so much, she was truly a very special lady who touched so many lives, and brought joy to so many people. God Bless your family...

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**Tom & Chris Dennison** - September 26, 2011 at 09:41 AM

MP

“ *In loving memory of my dear mother.*

*How the story got started that my mother was a Professional Lady Wrestler!*

*I was in 5th grade and I lipped off to my mother and ran out of the house to be with my friends. She chased after me and caught me to my surprise. She flipped me to the ground in the front yard of our home and began giving me a Chinese torture. Thumping her knuckle on my chest and telling me to apologize to her. I did apologize and she let me up, my friends were all slack jawed in awe of what my mother had just done. To save face I told my friends of course she could do this to me because she used to be a professional lady wrestler. I even embellished the story by saying her professional ring name was Combat Boot Annie. I told them she wore pink combat boots and a pink leotard. I am not sure if my friends really believed my story fully but that was the beginning of the fib. It only grew over the years, as I would tell my new friends and even my future wife the story.*

*With much love your son Michael*

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**Michael D. Parrette** - September 24, 2011 at 12:51 PM

JD

“ *We knew Rita from church. She was very kind and friendly and will be missed. So sorry for your loss and hugs to Dick.*

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**Jim and Linda Dishman** - September 24, 2011 at 11:06 AM