



Theresa G. "Tress" DeRuiter

August 16, 1929 - February 5, 2014

Theresa G. "Tress" DeRuiter of Lake City went to be with the Lord, Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at Belle Oakes Living Center in Lake City. She was 84. She was born August 16, 1929 in Grand Rapids to John L. and Jeanette A. (Faber) Stuyfzand. On June 23, 1950 in Grand Rapids she married Corwin DeRuiter and he preceded her in death on September 9, 2000.

Tress had been employed at Foster Brothers, in the office for many years. She also had a milk route for Swartwood Dairy. Tress was a longtime member of the Cadillac Christian Reformed Church and had been active in the Golden Hour. She enjoyed going for rides and trips with other couples as well as playing the accordion. Tress touched many lives with her positive attitude and happy smile throughout any difficult time. She always put others before herself; she enjoyed knitting hats and scarves for Project Christmas and baking blanket for her friends. She loved to watch the Detroit Tigers, tennis as well as college basketball.

She is survived by her sons, Bruce (Joey) DeRuiter of Lake City and Greg DeRuiter (Lynn Moore) of East Lansing; grandchildren: Jennifer (Jim) Settergren, Leah (Jason) Campbell, Daniel DeRuiter and David DeRuiter; great grandchildren: Courteney, Claire, Lilly, Jack, Emelia and Will; a brother, John (Char) Stuyfzand; a sister, Gert (Howard) Johnston and in laws: Jane

Keim, Norma (Don) VanderWerf, Arlene Mains, Esther DeRuiter and Jeanette DeRuiter.

In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by her parents and step mother, Ann.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 9, 2014 at the Cadillac Christian Reformed Church with Reverend Ken Nydam officiating. Friends may meet the family Saturday from 4-7 at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. Burial will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com

Tribute Wall

MD

“ *My deepest sympathy in the loss of your Mom. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.*

Mary Dracht - February 09, 2014 at 09:57 PM

DH

“ *Was just by a month ago to visit, so was a shock to see she had passed. When I moved to the neighborhood, Corwin had made me a birdhouse to welcome me. I will think of them both as I continue to put it out each spring. Will miss Tress. Dar*

Darlene Hettel - February 08, 2014 at 03:53 PM

MD

“ *My condolences. I have many good childhood memories of Tress as one of my neighborhood Moms. She was also such a dear friend of my Mom. She will be missed but not forgotten. God Bless.*

Mike Dontje - February 08, 2014 at 08:12 AM

MC

“ *Will truly miss seeing Tress everyday. She was a very special lady.*

Mary Carrigan - February 07, 2014 at 09:17 PM

PB

“ *Tress was a beautiful woman in body and in spirit. She was a classy lady with the gift of hospitality. She loved the Lord and reflected His glory. I shed a tear today for my friend. May God's comfort be on you as a family as you say goodbye to a dear mother. Wish I could be there. I still have a milk bottle from Cor. :)*

Pete & Cheri Byma - February 07, 2014 at 09:13 PM

KR

“ I feel blessed to be a part of your wonderful mothers life in her later years. She will be greatly missed.

Kelli Roelfsema - February 07, 2014 at 06:55 PM

TE

“ So sorry for your loss. Tress and Corwin will never be forgotten by their old neighbors-the Elenbaas' . Tim/Char.

Tim and Char Elenbaas - February 07, 2014 at 10:30 AM

JD

“ She was a lovely and special lady and will be greatly missed. Our prayers and sympathy goes out to the family. A donation has been given to Hospise of Mi in her name from us.

Jerry and Bev DeRuiter - February 07, 2014 at 10:22 AM