



Alta Jean Ruiz

February 8, 1925 - February 13, 2007

Alta Jean Ruiz, age 82, of Kalamazoo, passed away Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at Rose Arbor Hospice Home, Kalamazoo. Alta Jean was born February 8, 1925 in Bloomingdale to Herbert and Jennett (Munn) Van Horn. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, and crocheting and was extremely talented in all of those skills. Alta Jean gave away so many of the beautiful creations that were crafted by many hours of her work to her family members and others lucky enough to know her; she was a truly generous person. The Tuesday night "coffee breaks" at Westwood Christian Reformed Church always were a time for her to look forward to with much anticipation of the fellowship and good times that always happened when she gathered together with her special friends. Alta Jean loved her family and was a one-of-a-kind mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Surviving are 2 daughters, Sharon Hoffman of Ann Arbor, Linda Douglass of Kalamazoo; 2 sons, David Edward (Nancy) Ruiz of Kalamazoo, James Alan (Ann-Marie) Ruiz of Battle Creek; 7 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Herb (Cherry) Van Horn, Robert (Nelda) Van Horn; 1 sister, Carol (Gary) Begeman; a sister-in-law, Olive Van Horn; many nieces and nephews; and her life long friend Peggy Minarik. She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, David Ruiz, in 2001; her parents ; a granddaughter, Jennett Jean; and a brother, George Van Horn. The family will meet with friends on Sunday from 3-7 PM at the Bloomingdale Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 11:00 AM Monday at Westwood Christian Reformed Church, 620

Northampton, Kalamazoo, with Pastor Bill Fernhout officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Ever-Rest Memorial Park North. The family suggest memorials to the Animal Rescue or to the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bloomingtondale Chapel
203 East Spring Street
Bloomingtondale, MI

Service

FEB 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Westwood Christian Reformed Church
620 Northampton Street
Kalamazoo, MI