



## Alyce L. Spayde

February 12, 1907 - May 3, 2007

Alyce L. Spayde, age 100, of Kalamazoo (formerly of Gobles and Bloomingdale), passed away Thurs., May 3, 2007, at Bickford Cottage in Portage. She was born Feb. 12, 1907 in Bangor, MI, the daughter of Margaret and Clarence Thomas. Alyce graduated from Western Michigan University, known then as Western Normal, and was an elementary grades teacher for many years in the Gobles, Bloomingdale and Centreville school systems. Alyce was preceded in death by her parents and her loving husband of 48 years, Marvin, in 1975. Also, Alyce was preceded in death by a sister, Nancy Thomas, as well as two brothers, Charles "Chuck" and Hugh Thomas. Alyce was known by many whom would recall her at Marvin's side assisting in their family drug stores in both Bloomingdale and Gobles. In addition, generations of students will fondly remember her in the classroom as an outstanding, dedicated and loving teacher. Alyce was a member of the Michigan Retired Teachers' Association. For many years, Alyce enjoyed propagating and growing violets in her home. She is survived by her loving family, daughter, Suzanne (Jack) Smith of Kalamazoo, and son, Thomas W. (Marlene) Spayde of Fernandina Beach, FL. In addition, Alyce is survived by six grandchildren, Laurie (Ken) Byrns of Fernandina Beach, FL; Linda (Andy) Blodgett of San Luis Obispo, CA; Katrina (Jim) VanHoose of Battle Creek, MI; Elizabeth (Gary) Formet of Lexington Park, MD; Gretchen (Tim) Lyle of Kalamazoo; Nicole Smith and her fiance Eric Whitner, both of Boston, MA; as well as eight great grandchildren and three step great grandchildren. The family wishes to

express a sincere thank you to Ruth Dykstra who has been a steadfast friend and neighbor of Alyce for many years. Friends may meet the family 3-7 PM Sunday at the GOBLES CHAPEL, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, where funeral services will be held Monday at 2 PM with Pastor James Collison officiating. In accordance with her wishes, cremation will take place following the service. A private family inurnment will be held in Spring Grove Cemetery, Bloomington. Memorials may be directed to Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Gobles Chapel  
208 West Main Street  
Gobles, MI

## Service

MAY 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Alyce, you and my mother (Dorothea Belton Baker) went to school in Bloomingdale and then later taught in Gobles together. You were very special to our family as you were to the entire towns of Bloomingdale and Gobles. Prayers for the family. Flo Baker Fluty###imported-begin###Flo (Baker) Fluty###imported-end###

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“ Mom was a fantastic inspiration to our entire family, especially our four daughters over the years of their development. She was a role model for me personally. Her compassion for us all taught me the importance of close interpersonal skills. I will forever cherish her, realizing that her work continues in God's presence. Thank your for bringing your loving daughter to me. I love you Mom. Jack###imported-begin###Jack A. Smith###imported-end###

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“ Thinking of you all at this time and remembering all the old times in Gobles when our parents were in business. How they went out of their way for so many people. And they new everyone by their names and what they needed. You are in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Flossie Wesler Shirley and Don Brown###imported-end###

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“ *ALWAYS A LADY. Although of diminutive stature, Alyce's Christian ethic and sense of fairness stood head and shoulders above...even when others failed. God blessed her with 100 years, and also blessed those who knew her. She will be fondly remembered.*

*Bob Sliwoski, R.Ph. (retired)##imported-begin##ROBERT A. SLIWOSKI##imported-end##*

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