



Elizabeth S. Verdonk

April 17, 1918 - August 9, 2010

Elizabeth S. Verdonk of Grand Junction, Michigan passed away on Monday, August 9, 2010, the last survivor of 10 children. She was born on April 17, 1918 in Saskatchewan, Canada. She was the daughter of John Kieffer and Margaret Gries Kieffer. She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, John H. Verdonk, in 2007. Her father and mother homesteaded a farm in Canada. When she was a young girl, they sold it and moved to northern Wisconsin. She lived with her family on a dairy farm in Wisconsin until she graduated from high school. After graduation, she enrolled at Saint Mary's College in South Bend, Indiana. She worked her way through college and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in dietetics. She married her college sweetheart, John H. Verdonk, on February 2, 1942.

She is survived by four children from that union: John W. Verdonk (Lois) of Bangor, Michigan; Mary E. Thompson of Bloomington, Indiana; Margaret Ann Moran (Bruce) of Bennington, New Hampshire; William P. Verdonk of Grand Junction, Michigan.

She is also survived by nine grandchildren: Tara Elizabeth Verdonk Rougle of Brasilia, Brazil; John L. Verdonk of Simpsonville, South Carolina; David A. Verdonk of Riverdale, Michigan; Marisa Moyna of Bloomington, Indiana; Stephanie Gilbert of Fischers, Indiana; Heather M. Bird of Goffstown, New Hampshire; William D. Verdonk of Naples, Florida; Eric M. Verdonk of Bonita

Springs, Florida; Nichlaus J. Verdonk of Lake Forest, Illinois; and by six great-grandchildren: Tyler Verdonk, Xavier Gilbert, Ashley Verdonk, Allannah Gilbert, Eliana Rougle, and Emma Bird.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bangor, Michigan for 54 years. She was a religious education teacher at Sacred Heart Church as well as a grade school teacher at Sacred Heart Catholic School. She was a member of the Daughters of Mary and participated in numerous church activities over the years. She was a member of the South Haven Country Club and the South Haven Yacht Club for many years. Her hobbies included cooking and canning, golf and bridge. She was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and will be missed by her whole family. Memorials may be made to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Shriners Hospitals for Children or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The family will meet friends on Friday from 2-4 & 6-8 PM at the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11:00 AM, Saturday, at Sacred Heart Church with Fr. Gordon Greene celebrant. Interment will follow in Grand Junction Cemetery, Columbia Township.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel
258 West Monroe Street
Bangor, MI

Visitation

AUG 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel
258 West Monroe Street
Bangor, MI

Service

AUG 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church
201 S. Walnut
Bangor, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. She was a remarkable and loving woman!*##imported-begin##Cathie Schorer##imported-end##

August 13, 2010 at 05:32 PM



“ *Dear John, Jenn, and Ashley,*

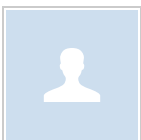
You are in my thoughts and prayers. This will be a difficult time for you, but always remember the good times shared with Grandma. God Bless you all, Laura, Jamie, Tyler and Kaley##imported-begin##Laura Whims##imported-end##

August 12, 2010 at 07:26 PM



“ *I am sorry for your loss. We are working our way through losing Dad in Jan. That generation may be gone but never forgotten. Their lives were so varied and rich. I know the stories we have heard will keep us close to them. I am one of the twins.*##imported-begin##Darlene Kieffer Grair##imported-end##

August 12, 2010 at 07:02 PM



“ *I am so sorry for the pain you all are experiencing during this sad time. I wish I could take some of it away for you. Remembering and believing in heaven for our loved ones is the best comfort and hope I have found. Your cousin, Michele*##imported-begin##Michele Kieffer Vogt##imported-end##

August 12, 2010 at 04:49 PM



“ I am Liz's niece, daughter of Adolph Kieffer who was Liz's younger brother, who also passed away late last year, followed in recent months by their brothers John and Fuzz. Now all the Kieffer family is together. I deeply regret that I did not have the pleasure of truly knowing my Aunt Liz or her family, having been separated by miles and years, but I extend by heartfelt condolences to her surviving family, and wish them the best during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Rita Kieffer##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the Verdonk family during this time of grieving. God Bless.

Peter, Lizanne, Emily and Sarah##imported-begin##Peter and Lizanne Olyarchuk##imported-end##

August 10, 2010 at 04:21 PM



“ My prayers are with all of you.
Grandma was a very special person and loved by many.##imported-begin##Carol Krentz##imported-end##

August 10, 2010 at 02:36 PM



“ Dear Verdonk Family
so sorry for your loss, Liz was a great person and loved by all. She was a great inspiration to me My prayers are with you all
Jan##imported-begin##Jan Hoehn##imported-end##

August 10, 2010 at 08:18 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers go out to your family, from mine.##imported-begin##Dana Bryant##imported-end##

August 09, 2010 at 08:57 PM