



## Erma L. Verburg

September 22, 1944 - January 15, 2007

Erma L. Verburg, age 62, of Gobles passed away Monday, January 15, 2007 at Rose Arbor Hospice Home. Mrs. Verburg was born Sept. 22, 1944 in Kalamazoo and resided in this area the majority of her life where she enjoyed her flower garden, sewing and knitting. Surviving are her husband, Michael, whom she married Jan. 11, 1964; three children, Michael (Elizabeth) Verburg of Indianapolis, Melissa (Neil) Duncan of Allegan; Matthew (Dollie) Verburg of Gobles; ten grandchildren, Theron, Kira, Cassidy, Neil, Anna Leace, Chris, Aaron, Amber, Samuel and Jarrod; her mother, Wilma Schafer of Kalamazoo; one brother, William (Beverly) Schafer of Gobles; one sister, Marilyn (Robert) Decker of Gobles. She was preceded in death by her father, William Schafer, and a sister, Eva Mitchell. The family will meet friends Thursday 2-4 and 6-8 PM at the Gobles Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home where funeral services will be held 11 AM Friday with Rev. Dr. Paul R. Naumann officiating. Interment Kendall Cemetery. Those wishing may make memorials to either Rose Arbor Hospice Home or St. Michaels Lutheran Church, Portage.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gobles Chapel  
208 West Main Street  
Gobles, MI

## Service

JAN 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Visitation

JAN 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I am Annaleace, her granddaughter, the product of Neil S.R. and Melissa Duncan. I have some memories of her but it has been so long it is hard to dig them up. I remember being in the car with her, a blue Toyota. I remember her being at family events at my dad's house, My dad has old Hi8 tapes of when I was born and other family events that I have seen her in. I was told many times that I look just like her, with the hair color, the freckles. She is a very big part of my life as well as her husband Micheal (My grandfather) I love her so much and I bless her, Grandpa Verburg, and everyone else that has loved her.



Annaleace Duncan - November 04, 2019 at 12:32 PM



“ We have helped each other get through a very difficult time. Mom, Dad, brother Mark & Vicky, all of Erma's family, and all of the rest of the cousins, aunts and uncles, and most of all so many good frineds. Erma was my sister and that was that. She was not my sister-in-law because you can't possibly miss anybody with in-law in the description, as much as I miss her. I feel so lucky to have had the privledge to have called her my sister and to have known her love and affection that I will never get over the loss. All of us are lucky that we have the love and support of both families and we will go on, but we will not forget our beloved "Erma".

Love

Tom###imported-begin##Tom Verburg###imported-end##

January 23, 2007 at 02:04 PM



“ Dear lovely family of Erma,

*I was so sorry to hear of Erma's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. Erma was a WONDERFUL soul. I will always remember her kindness.*

Love,

*Maria###imported-begin##Maria Scott###imported-end##*

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January 19, 2007 at 11:21 AM



“ *I met Erma thru my sister-in-law, Dollie, and she was the kind of person that you just instantly liked. The one time that I was at her home was when Matt & Dollie got married. She welcomed me into their home & we talked alot about flowers. She was very proud of her garden & showed me some Moon Flowers that were growing there. She will be greatly missed. Please accept our condolences during your time of grief. You will be in our thoughts & prayers.*

Sincerely,

*Jeanna Ballard & family###imported-begin##Glenn & Jeanna Ballard###imported-end##*

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January 19, 2007 at 12:01 AM



“ Dear Mike, Mike, Melissa and Matt,  
I extend to you my deepest sympathy on behalf of Ermas passing. I have very good memories of working with Erma at Superior Colour Graphics. I enjoyed talking with Erma about things going on with our families, current events and spiritual things we occasionally discussed. I even have some plants growing around my house that I gleaned from Ermas garden. I am glad that Erma and Marilyn stopped by Superior last fall and had a chance to see her again. I will treasure the time that I had knowing Erma. I am sorry I am unable to visit you in person. Please pass this on to Wilma also.  
Sincerely, Doug Herder###imported-begin###Douglas Herder###imported-end###

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January 18, 2007 at 03:53 PM



“ Aunt Erma, my Godmother, was one of a kind. She was the most wonderful person that one could ever know. When I was younger, we spent alot of time together with Aunt Erma and the family. We had tons of fun. She always made you feel like you were right at home. As time grew on and we children grew up, we started to go our seperate ways, with all of the extra activities, there just never seemed to be enough time. Now, I am so sorry that that is the way it happened. You should always try to find time to be with the ones you love, one way or another. I will miss her dearly as well as everyone else that knew her. She was a wonderful mother. I will miss you very much!! My thoughts and prayers go out to Uncle Mike, Mike Jr., Melissa and Matt. I love you all!! DeDe###imported-begin###Dee Beilby###imported-end###

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January 18, 2007 at 03:43 PM



“ Many of my fond childhood memories are wrapped around the Verburg household, and specifically the family atmosphere within. The wonderful thing about Erma was that she not only maintained a household and family, but she built a home where you immediately felt welcome walking in the front door. I remember staying the night at the Verburgs once so long ago, and how I felt so at home as Erma “tucked” me in. I remember as I grew older into high school and college talking to her about “important” things, and how those talks made me feel like such an adult. I remember brining my future wife Stephanie, to their house to meet “the family”. I remember after each of my children was born taking them to the Verburgs to meet “the family”. I remember Erma’s request that, after Mike and Liz had married and settled in Indianapolis, that I bring the wife and kids around to play and say hi. All of these memories appeared simple and lightly noticeable at the time, but turned out to be deep and character changing over the course of my life.

These are the memories I have that I not only look back on and smile, but look back on and realize changed me in a way to better understand those “little” things that count. She was the kind of person that touched me, and those around her, in a way that built my character, shaped me as an adult, instilled in me the virtues of parenthood, and demonstrated how to do all this in a way unnoticed by me at the time.

My prayers go out to Micheal Sr, Mike and Liz, Melissa and Neal, and Matt, as well as the rest of the Verburg family. May god be with you in your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Jeff Lawson##imported-end##

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January 17, 2007 at 11:23 AM



“ *What a wonderful gift to have met Erma. I am so thankful for her kindness, and it was an honor to have taken care of her at Rose Arbor. I will remember her to be very brave and kind through a very difficult time.*

*Cindy*

*CNA @ Rose Arbor Hospice##imported-begin##Cindy  
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January 16, 2007 at 06:53 PM