



Freida Marie Amos

July 14, 1934 - September 3, 2021

Freida Marie (Willsea) Amos, age 87, passed away September 3, 2021. Her last days were spent at home surrounded by family and friends.

She was born July 14, 1934 in Gobles, Michigan to William and Madge (Churchill) Willsea. She married James Elwin Amos in 1952, who preceded her in death in 2005.

Freida was a graduate of Paw Paw High School in 1952, attended Western Michigan University and Parson's Business School. She worked for a time at the American Red Cross and subsequently retired after a long career as a secretary from WMU's School of Social Work. She also found time to assist her husband with his wallpaper hanging business.

After retirement Freida volunteered at the Shepherd's Center of Greater Kalamazoo, Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan, and held multiple leadership roles at, and was an active member of, Kendall United Methodist Church.

She lived her life according to John Wesley's general rules: 1) Do no harm, 2) Do good, and 3) Stay in love with God. She opened her heart and her home freely, and she loved unconditionally, embracing those around her with love and devotion.

Freida is survived by her three children and their spouses, James E. Amos Jr. and his wife Kristin, Charles W. Amos and his wife Tandra, and Julianne (Amos) Shaw and her husband Dan.

Freida had seven grandchildren, Jason Michael Joyner (deceased), James E. Amos III and his wife Katelyn, Kary Mack and her husband Rick, Karly Amos, Fletcher Amos, Alyssa (Shaw) Newton and her fiancé Michael Moss, and Anthony Shaw. She had seven great grand children, Jade Bauer, Zachary McConnell, Ricky Mack, Charlie Mack, Miles Amos, Alayne Newton, and Mallory Newton.

Preceding her in death were five siblings, Wendell, Louis, Morris, Claude, and James Willsea. Her loving sister, and close friend, Laurel (Willsea) Sherburn survives, along with many nieces and nephews.

The celebration of Freida's life will begin with a visitation on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 from 4-7 pm at D.L. Miller Funeral Home, located at 208 Main Street in Gobles, Michigan. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 10 am at the Kendall United Methodist Church, located at 26718 CR-388 in Kendall, Michigan. A light brunch will be served following the service in the church fellowship hall. Interment will be held at 1:50 pm at Fort Custer National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kendall United Methodist Church or Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan.

Cemetery Details

Fort Custer National Cemetery

15501 Dickman Road
Augusta, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Gobles Chapel
208 West Main Street
Gobles, MI

Service

SEP 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Kendall United Methodist Church
26718 CR 388
Kendall, MI

Tribute Wall

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“*Feida and Jim have been our neighbors and friends since the fifties. Our children were close in age and were friends with each other as well. We eventually moved to northern Michigan due to teaching opportunity. I told Freida that I was hired due to the beautifully written and typed resume that she did for me. That resume was perfection plus as was everything Freida did for her friends or those in need of any kind of help. We lost touch for some time. but come every Christmas season there was card for us. Upon retirement we moved back downstate. Very soon after I read in the paper that Jim had passed and the visitation was that evening in Gobles. It was that night we renewed our friendship and became close again. We decided to get together. along with another friend for lunch once a month and have continued that until very recently. We had such wonderful times and so much fun getting together again. Freida was my very best friend and I will always be grateful for the times we had together. Freida gave of herself unconditionally. She would take others to the Doctor, the grocery store whenever and wherever they needed to go. She would invite someone to lunch if they needed a friend. if someone needed her, she was there with her lovely smile and her big heart. Freida loved everyone, her family, her friends, her church and her lord. Everyone who knew Freida was lucky to have had her in their life. Bless her and her children. Julie, Jamie and Chuck From our family to yours. Your special Mother is in our hearts and we loved her as a close friend. We miss her so very much. We are all thinking of you at this difficult time. Hugs to the three of you Love, Gene and Sheila Lane & Stacy, Sandy and Larry*”

Sheila Lane - September 20, 2021 at 04:03 PM

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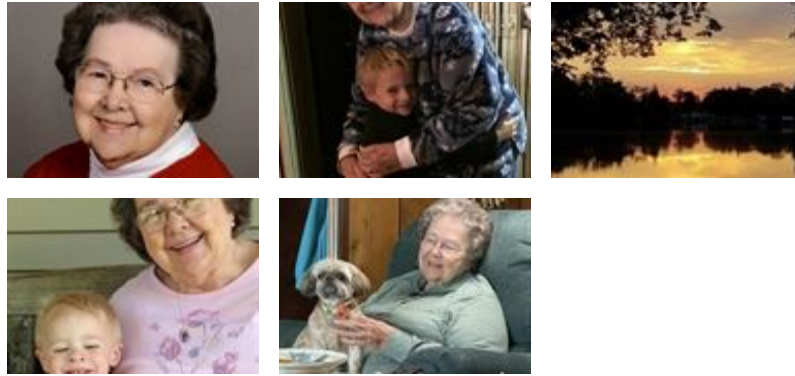
“*Frieda was always so kind and sweet, greeting everyone with her beautiful smile. She truly had a gentle spirit about her. We are so sorry for your loss. Thinking of your family and keeping all of you in our prayers. Sending love and hugs to all.*

Terry and Lilly Amos

Lilly Amos - September 08, 2021 at 10:48 AM



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D.L. Miller Funeral Home - September 07, 2021 at 12:45 PM

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“Freida and Jim first attended service at Kendall UMC the same day that Keith, the girls & I did, Easter Sunday 1983. During the years we were there, We shared lots of time, laughs, choir practices and studies together. I remember one time Freida, Jean Westcott and I were at the church and Freida went into the sanctuary and we heard her scream “Sheila, get in here fast!” I did and right the floor by the step onto the Chancel area was a snake. Well, I was the wrong one to call because I was a terrified as she was, so after a brief encounter we both screamed, “Jean, get in here fast” and Jean came and saved both of us from the snake. She was always so fun, gracious, so encouraging, so complimentary and humble. She loved her Lord, her family, her church and church family, and this sweet dear lady will be missed. But our family was blessed by her love and friendship! Sending prayers of peace and comfort for the family!

Keith and Sheila Baker - September 07, 2021 at 08:03 AM

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“Freida was always a joy to have at Bible studies where she added so much. She had such knowledge of the Bible, but whenever this was pointed out to her, she was so humble, never wanting to act like she knew it all. But we all learned so much from her! When my Mother passed away, she wrote me the most beautiful card. I use many of the kind words and phrases she used when I send sympathy cards to friends, because they were such words of comfort. My sincere sympathies to all of her family. Such a sweet and giving lady, she will be missed.

Cheryl Rumery

Cheryl Rumery - September 06, 2021 at 11:32 PM