



Geraldine E. Torp

January 3, 1925 - August 26, 2008

Geraldine E. Torp, age 83, of Covert passed away Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at Community Hospital, Watervliet. Geraldine was born January 3, 1925 in Chicago, the daughter of August and Olga (Bollwitt) Eberhardt. She has lived in the South Haven area since March of 1942 and formerly worked at South Haven Rubber Co. for 25 years, retiring in 1989. Geraldine enjoyed watching the game shows on television and helping her family and friends whenever she could. Surviving are 1 daughter, Nancy L. Christensen; 2 sons, Robert R. Torp, Thomas A. Christiansen; 8 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; 1 sister, Shirley (Richard, Sr.) Rusin; 1 niece and 5 nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Donald G. Torp; and 3 brothers, Donald, Harold, and Robert Eberhardt. The family will meet friends on Friday from 1-2 PM at the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home with funeral services at 2:00 PM with Pastor Robert Linstrom officiating. Interment will follow in Lakeview Cemetery, South Haven.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **29**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel
258 West Monroe Street
Bangor, MI

Service

AUG **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“Geraldine was a wonderful woman, reaching out to those she had never even met.

When my first husband was in the military and deployed to Desert Storm, she had sent a care package to "any soldier" and it landed in my husband's hands. He wrote her to thank her and that began their correspondence.

When he returned home in 1991, I wrote to her to tell her he made it home safely, and to thank her for her kindness. From then on, she was my pen pal.

When my husband and I divorced in 1997, Geraldine and I started talking on the phone. I had gone through a severe depression and she seemed to understand, but as time went on, and I still suffered, she told me it was time to "straighten up and fly right." It was time to get on with my life.

I never had the pleasure of meeting Geraldine face to face, but she played an important role in my life, keeping in contact with me as I moved from Kansas to North Carolina to Indiana and settling in Michigan. She went through my divorce with me, my daughter growing up, my second marriage.

As she got older, it was harder for her to keep in contact, and for a few years, we lost touch.

Her days with us were numbered, she put up quite a fight. It saddens me to know she suffered but she is now resting in eternal peace.

As I mourn her passing, I'll keep her family in my prayers. I only hope that good memories with Geraldine follow you from this day forward.

Sincerely,

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