



## Gertrude Hurlbut

March 5, 1918 - May 7, 2014

Gertrude (Banks) Hurlbut, age 96, died May 7 at Briarwood Assisted Living in Allegan. Gertrude was born March 5, 1918, in Allegan to Jay and Grace (Smith) Banks. She grew up in the Allegan area, graduating from Allegan High School in 1936.

In 1938, Gertrude met Wendell Hurlbut. They began a courtship which often included letters sent back and forth from Gobles to Allegan. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, on the evening of December 20th, Gertrude and Wendell drove to Bryan, Ohio, where they were married by a justice of the peace behind a small gas station. That evening began 70 years of unconditional love and devoted marriage.

Upon Wendell's discharge from the US Army, the family settled in Gobles. Over 70 years Wendell owned many businesses in Southwest Michigan, with Gertrude by his side. Most recently they had owned Hurlbut's Grocery in downtown Gobles. She lovingly cared for their three children and their home.

Gertrude was an avid BINGO player in the area and loved trips to the casino where luck was usually on her side. She enjoyed games of cards at home with her friends and family.

Her family includes her children: Judy and Jim Bours of Delton, Dennis and

Wynne Hurlbut of Gobles, and Cathy Esman and Charlie Babcock of Dowling; grandchildren: Sara and Shane Ashley, Jeff Bours, Traci Hurlbut, Kari and Andy Northey, Justin Hurlbut and Karen Weissert, Brett and Jen Esman, and Mandi Esman and Matt Daley; great-grandchildren: Jaden and Clay Ashley, Connor and Max Esman, Chloe Daley and Laina Northey.

She was preceded in death by her husband Wendell and great-granddaughter Kelli.

Friends may visit with Gertrude's family on Friday, May 9th from 6-8 PM at the GOBLES CHAPEL, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, where her funeral service will be held on Saturday May 10th at 11 AM with Pastor Carol Newman officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Allegan. Memorial donations may be made to Wings of Hope Hospice 530 Linn St Allegan, MI 49010.

Arrangements are being handled by the GOBLES CHAPEL, D. L. Miller Funeral Home. Please share a memory of Gertrude or words of condolence with her family at [www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

112 Locust St.  
Allegan, MI 49010

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gobles Chapel  
208 West Main Street  
Gobles, MI

## Service

MAY **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gobles Chapel  
208 West Main Street  
Gobles, MI

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ Dear Dennis and Wynne,  
Jane and I send our condolences to you and your family on the passing of your mother. You were blessed to have her in your lives for so long and now you will have a treasury of fond memories to help ease the pain of loss. We hope you and yours are in good health and please extend our best wishes to Justin, Traci, and Kari.  
Bob & Jane Heinrikson

Robert Heinrikson - May 10, 2014 at 08:54 AM

LR

“ From Gertrude's friend and Bingo Buddy, Lois Johnson. My condolences to her family and friends. She and I took turns driving to Allegan and Paw Paw for Bingo. She definitely was a lucky player. I really miss her a lot. I am currently residing at the Allegan Medical Care Facility so I am unable to attend her service.

Lois Johnson's sister Claudia Rasmussen - May 09, 2014 at 11:34 AM

YH

“ Your friends at Kubiak-Cook and Cook Funeral Homes purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gertrude Hurlbut.



Your friends at Kubiak-Cook and Cook Funeral Homes - May 09, 2014 at 07:48 AM

KS

“ So sorry for your loss, all of you are in our thoughts and prayers.....Keith and Cheryl Shaw

Keith Shaw - May 08, 2014 at 06:17 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gertrude Hurlbut.*



May 08, 2014 at 04:17 PM



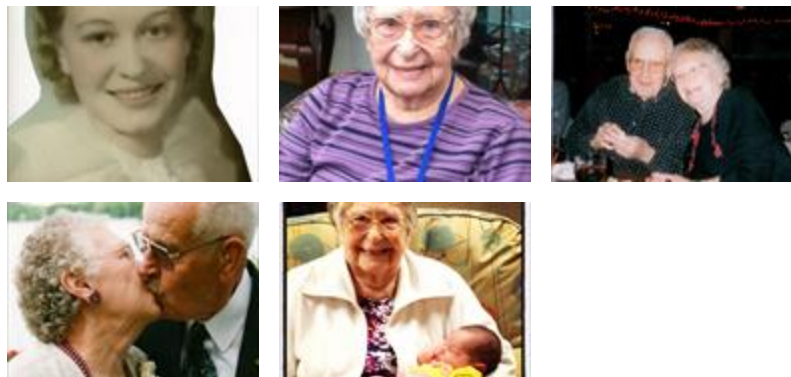
“ *Darlene, John & Jeanine Babcock purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gertrude Hurlbut.*



**Darlene, John & Jeanine Babcock** - May 08, 2014 at 02:42 PM



“ *8 files added to the album Grandma*



**Kari** - May 08, 2014 at 01:02 PM

DC

“ I am so sorry about your loss, I know she was a very special lady, Jeff respected her so much, I only cute memory I have is through Sara and a face book post about a doll and grandma and her daughter Judy playing with it, and a remember Sara saying I can't tell who was having more fun, my mom or my grandma. I could almost picture it and it made me smile:)

Denise Chamberlin - May 08, 2014 at 05:56 AM

SB

“ So sorry for you loss. But she is at peace now and walking with your dad. It's been a long road and the battle has been fought. Rest in peace Gert. Thoughts and prays to family  
Shirley and Don Brown and Flossie Welser

Shirley Brown - May 07, 2014 at 06:46 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Gertrude Hurlbut.



May 07, 2014 at 03:49 PM