



Elizabeth (Ploegstra) Doll

July 25, 1927 - April 29, 2014

Elizabeth Donna (Ploegstra) Doll, long time resident of Barbeau, MI entered eternal life early Tuesday morning after a brief illness. Betty had been in Hospice care for a short time. She spent her final days surrounded by her dear friends, children, and grandchildren saying her personal “goodbye” to each with a special memory or story of the many wonderful times they had enjoyed together. She was born in Grand Rapids, MI on July 25, 1927, as the first-born child of Sam and Esther (DeWitt) Ploegstra, Betty was married for nearly 60 years to her best friend, Bernard Doll, who preceded her in death eight years ago. Together they built their lives around farming, community involvement, and their church, while raising seven children: Nancy (Joe) Carter, P. Kathryn (Douglas) Russell, Edward Doll (Beverly), Teresa Bodine, Patricia Harris (Jeff Azis), Connie (Martin) Harris, and Mary Kay Doll (Jake Guter). She was known for her hard work ethic as evidenced in her days spent doing arduous chores on the farm, her nurturing vision and commitment to her children, and her hands on service toward the building and growth of her chosen faith community, Holy Family Church. Her most notable reputation was for her neighborly hospitality as she made everyone who came to her door feel welcomed. She took time to listen and serve a slice of her homemade pie or a sweet roll. She was an active participant in “life”, not an idle soul, as she could always find gardens to grow, apples and berries to gather, games to play, books to read, puzzles to be put together, and songs to hum, sing or appreciate. She is survived by her seven children, twelve

grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brothers and sisters: Ardith (William)Heemskirk, Harold (Grace) Ploegstra, Robert (Elsie) Ploegstra, Fred Ploegstra, Marilyn (James) Zlystra, and Andrew (Mary) Ploegstra and countless nieces and nephews. The family will greet friends and relatives from 9:30 am until 11:30 am on Saturday May 3, 2014 in the Holy Family Church Hall. The Mass of Christian Burial will follow with Brother John Hascall as Celebrant. A luncheon will be served at the church after Mass. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Hospice House of the E.U. P. or the Holy Family Church of Barbeau. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com. Interment will be in Holy Family Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ Elizabeth (Ploegstra) Doll

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Elizabeth (Ploegstra) Doll

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Elizabeth (Ploegstra) Doll

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ Dear Doll Family: I want to express the sympathy for your loss of your family's wonderful matriarch. We were blessed to have known her when the Rudolph family stayed summers in the UP at the Dunbar Forestry Camp in the late 50s and 60s. Our father, Victor, was close to Mr. Doll and my mother found a good friend in Mrs. Doll; you kids made room for us at the table too. You all welcomed us city folk and we had some grand times. Your mother was a wonderful listener as you said and her meals were supreme! Summers will never ever be that same way but we can all strive to make them approach that family-infused time. I am sorry for the lateness of this expression but without our parents, news travels slowly if at all. Peg Fehrenbach

Margaret (Peg Rudolph) Fehrenbach, Seattle, WA - September 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the family of Betty Doll: I just heard of your mom's passing and wanted to express my condolences. We lost our dad August 8 at 100+ yrs and our mom last year so perhaps our parents are all having a good visit! Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.
Barbara

Barbara McCarthy - October 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the family of Mrs. Doll, I know words don't mean a whole lot right now, but you all have been in my thoughts and prayers since I heard of Mrs. Doll's passing. The days ahead won't be easy, but hold tight to the memories you have of times together, and keep your love for her safely tucked into your hearts. Be strong and know that others share your grief at this difficult time. Jamie Harvey (McCoy) & Family

Jamie Harvey (McCoy) - May 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM