



Laurel Catherine (Anderson) Hoolsema

March 13, 1933 - February 12, 2024

Laurel Catherine (Anderson) Hoolsema, age 90, of Rudyard, Michigan, died at her home on February 12, 2024. She was born on March 13, 1933, in Rudyard, to Hugh Douglas and Mary Elizabeth (Nettleton) Anderson.

Laurel was born at home, the eldest of eight children. She became much more than the “big sister” to her siblings, especially to her “little brothers,” Herman and Harold. She met Donald “Don” John Hoolsema, and they married on October 16, 1951, in Marquette, Michigan. She devoted her heart into being a Dutch farmer’s wife and helped with all types of chores. Laurel loved visitors and her specialty was fixing meals for eight or thirty people with Aplomb. She also worked at Rudyard schools as a library aide and a cook where she became an honorary “grandma” to countless children.

Laurel loved cooking, baking, gardening, sewing, reading, poetry, and word searches. She took up hobbies like ceramics, upholstery, sewing, and cake decorating classes with her good friend and sister-in-law, Ruth. She enjoyed singing and her lovely soprano voice was requested at weddings, as well as her cakes. Her home was referred to as the ‘Hoolsema Hotel’ where she entertained, housed, and fed hundreds of people during her life.

Laurel is survived by her daughter, Beth (Don Mattingly) Hoolsema of Tarpon Springs, Florida; sons, Douglas (Bonnie) Hoolsema of Peck, Michigan, Donald

(Judy) Hoolsema of Delton, Michigan, Steven (Heidi) Hoolsema of Rudyard, Keith (Michele) Hoolsema of Rudyard, and Mark (Katy) Hoolsema of Rudyard; grandchildren, Jeanne, Jason, John, Angela, Jessica, Liz, Samantha, Shawn, Art, Cristy, J.D., Amy, Steven Jr., David, and Katrina; sisters, Ferne (Jim, deceased) Sutton, Pearl (Wally, deceased) Bennett, and Violet (Bill) Dale; brothers, Hugh (Julie) Anderson, Herman (Olive) Anderson, and Harold (Judy) Anderson; and many beloved great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Laurel was preceded in death by her husband, Don; parents, Hugh and Mary; sister, Grace Smith Lucas; and sister-in-law Ruth Anderson.

A Visitation will be held on Friday, February 16th from 11:00AM – 1:00PM at Family Life Funeral Homes – Pickford, 24549 S. M-129, Pickford, Michigan 49774. The Funeral Service will follow immediately at 1:00PM.

Final Resting Place will be at the Cottle Cemetery in Pickford, Michigan, on May 11, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **16**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Burial

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

Cottle Cemetery
5431 E Townline Road
Pickford, MI 49774

Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Laurel was always so kind and easy to talk with. She was also gifted with hospitality. Over the years we enjoyed exchanging cards and notes at Christmas time. Just this past Christmas she sent a sweet note. We send our sympathy to the family. Sid & Marilyn Postma

Sid & Marilyn Postma - February 15, 2024 at 09:01 PM

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“ Amanda Moore purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Laurel Catherine (Anderson) Hoolsema.



Amanda Moore - February 14, 2024 at 10:51 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Laurel Catherine (Anderson) Hoolsema.



February 14, 2024 at 09:45 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Laurel Catherine (Anderson) Hoolsema.



February 14, 2024 at 10:35 AM

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“ A beautiful, kind and sweet person to all. My fondest memories were of her saving me frosting roses and making me beautiful Birthday cakes. I will treasure all of these memories forever. Prayers for the entire family.



Kari AndersonFuentes - February 12, 2024 at 07:38 PM

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very good nieghbor

James Piippo - February 19, 2024 at 04:28 PM