



Arleen Mae Hewlett

June 16, 1918 - May 27, 2020

Arleen Mae Hewlett, 102, of Traverse City and formerly of Mt. Pleasant and Holland, passed away Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at French Manor Extended Care in Traverse City.

Arleen was born on Tuesday, April 16, 1918 to the late Iral and Lena (Schram) Philips in Remus, MI. She graduated from high school there and then continued her education at Central Normal School (now Central Michigan University) where she earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education. She married Rex Hewlett on Saturday, June 10, 1944 in Remus.

Arleen taught elementary school in Mt. Pleasant and Grand Rapids, retiring after a 25-year career but continuing to tutor children for many years while wintering in Texas.

She was a life long church member, actively involved in the First Presbyterian Church in Mt Pleasant, Central United Methodist Church in Traverse City and Third Reformed Church in Holland.

An avid knitter, Arleen knitted hundreds of hats and mittens for children in poverty. She also loved to travel, sew, garden, play bridge, read, and try new recipes.

Arleen is survived by her children, Tammy Holder of Mt Pleasant and Traverse City and Kirk (Janet) Hewlett of Traverse City and Orchard Lake.

She is also survived by four granddaughters Tanya (Michael) Stokes of Holt and their children, Rebecca and Jacob; Heather (Kevin) Lezan of Dimondale and their children Nathan, Brendan and Matthew; Laura Hewlett of Ann Arbor; and Nicole (Christopher) Hough and their children Samuel and Louis of Zionsville, IN.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Rex, her sister, Ilda Philips and her son-in-law, Stephen Holder.

A graveside service is being planned for 1:00 PM, Saturday, October 3rd at Mt. Pleasant Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be directed to Hospice of Michigan, 10850 E. Traverse Highway, Suite 1155, Traverse City, MI 49684.

Cemetery

Mt. Pleasant Memorial Gardens

740 S. Mission Road
Mt. Pleasant, MI, 48858

Events

OCT 3 **Graveside Service** 01:00PM

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48858

Comments



“ My 3rd grade teacher at Fancher School in Mt Pleasant. She was one of my favorite teachers. I remember being in an accelerated reading group and she gave us a word to “figure out”.

The word was determined; we came up with a different pronunciation. We came up with....

“ dee-tee minded” . She lost it, she had to walk outside the room before she burst out laughing!

But in her fashion, she praised for our hard work and helped us to find the real pronunciation. Great teacher, great lady!

Connie Bollinger - June 12, 2020 at 04:13 PM



“ Kirk and Tammy, I have very fond memories of your mother. Kirk, you may remember that I taught across the hall from her at Vowles School (and you were in my classroom). It was my first year of teaching and I learned a lot from your mother. One valuable piece of advice she gave me was that as long as you are working you need a cleaning lady and you need to get your hair done once a week. She said that those were not luxuries, they were necessities. Please accept my sympathy in the passing of your wonderful mother. I know you will miss her.

Sincerely,
Linda Shooks (Lakeland, FL)

Linda Shooks - June 11, 2020 at 09:21 PM



“ Mrs. Shooks - It is great to hear from you. We really appreciate you taking the time to share your remembrances of Mom. I apologize for taking so long to reply. Hopefully I wasn't this delinquent when turning in my homework in school! I do remember you as a great teacher. I didn't know/remember that you were a first year teacher at the time, you must have had us fooled! Thanks again for your kind words. I know my mother would have appreciated you taking the time as we do. Take care.

Sincerely,
Kirk

Kirk Hewlett - November 09, 2020 at 06:10 AM