



Joyce Marie DeBruyn

March 4, 1932 - November 17, 2019

Joyce DeBruyn, 87, of Traverse City, passed into the presence of God on Sunday, November 17, 2019, with the family who adored her by her side. Joyce was born on March 4, 1932 in Reeman, Michigan the daughter of Herman and Anna (Cook) Deters. On July 28, 1950, she married Richard DeBruyn at which time they moved to Traverse City where they opened DeBruyn Concrete Products Co. She and Dick were charter members of Faith Reformed Church where they both served throughout their lives.

Joyce is survived by her daughters Cheryl (Dale) Kloosterman, Joan (Randy) Burgess, Barbara (Mike) Aja; her grandchildren, Kelly (Kevin) DeBruyn, Kevin (Jennifer) Kloosterman, Amy (Gene) LaFave, Benjamin (Kristen) Burgess, Joseph (Gracie) Burgess, Christopher (Elle) Burgess, Jessica (Michael) Filicicchia and Nicholas (Sara) Aja, along with 14 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother-in-law Adrian DeBruyn and her sisters-in-law Ann Westfield and Roanne DeBruyn. Joyce was preceded in death by her husband Richard, daughter Patricia, parents Herman and Anna, sisters Doris, June, and Kathleen and brothers Howard, Gordon and Harvey.

Joyce has left a legacy of love and faith. She came to know Jesus as her Lord and Savior as a young child. Joyce had the gift of hospitality and serving and spent much of her time entertaining those from her church, hosting pool parties and parasailing parties for family and countless friends. In her later years she always loved to make meals for her daughters. She had an unassuming and quiet strength and she loved and supported her family in many ways.

Joyce and her family would like to express their appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Lee Warnaar, the staff at the Heart Clinic and Munson's Hospice House who have touched our lives in such precious and profound ways. Her life and battle is now over but living in her Father's glory will be forever.

Visitation for Joyce will take place Wednesday evening, November 20 from 5 until 7 p.m. at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. The funeral service will begin at 11 a.m.

Thursday, November 21 at Faith Reformed Church with visitation one hour prior to the service. Joyce's son-in-law, Randy Burgess will officiate at the funeral service. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

For those desiring, the family has asked that Joyce be remembered through memorial gifts to Faith Reformed Church Missions, 1139 E. Front St., Traverse City, MI 49686 or to The Salvation Army, P. O. Box 5228, Traverse City, MI 49696-5228.

Cemetery

Events

Oakwood Cemetery
1325 East Eighth Street
Traverse City, MI, 49686

NOV 20 Visitation 05:00PM - 07:00PM

Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

NOV 21 Visitation 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Faith Reformed Church
1139 East Front Street, Traverse City, MI, US, 49686

NOV 21 Funeral Service 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Our first visit to FRC was after Joe was transferred to the TC DNR Fields Office in 1972. We sat in the evening service by Dick and Joyce who gave us a warm welcome during the Meet & Greet portion of the service. They immediately zeroed in on the fact that we were new residents and after the service took time to show us the nursery, the library on lending book carts, the lounge area where the ladies guild met, etc. That was the beginning of our exposure to their love of their Lord and Savior and their devotion to FRC. Their kindness and generosity served as models for all. Anytime there was a need--whether funeral lunch service, Young at Heart assistance, kitchen cleaning--Joyce was ready to serve. We will remember her as a quiet, little woman with tremendous impact and strength. She has left a legacy of love for her children and grandchildren. Accept our condolences on your loss.

Joe & Marianne Fields

Marianne Fields - November 21, 2019 at 12:45 PM



“ Joyce was a very special person. During the year following Jason's passing, I went to visit Joyce to get her help in "coping with the day to day" when you bury your child. She sat with me, shared her walk, and helped me to see that she took it one day at a time. God does the rest! Five years later, she opened her home to Jason's sons. She allowed them to walk through the house where Jason grew up, to see his childhood bedroom, the kitchen where he liked to cook, and the pool table on which he played pool. This helped them to see him as a real person when they see pictures of him as a child in that house. Opening her home was very hospitable of Joyce, but it was immensely important to Noah, Owen and Luke. She truly was a humble caring woman, and it was a privilege to have known her.

Until we meet again,
Kathleen Millross

Kathleen Millross - November 19, 2019 at 09:35 PM



“ I remember singing in faith Choir with Joyce and her warm, welcoming smile. My heartfelt sympathy to her family and for letting you share her with us. Prayers of comfort during this time love Nadine Vipond

Nadine Palmer Vipond - November 19, 2019 at 01:42 PM



“ So many precious memories shared with your Mom & Dad, both in Florida & TC! A life well lived & now "Finally Home"

Love to you all!

Hildred Hovinga

Hildred Hovinga - November 18, 2019 at 07:14 PM



“ So many good memories with Aunt Joyce and Uncle Dick. Our sympathy to Cheryl, Joan and Barb and their families. I can only imagine the joy she is having in Heaven! Love to you all. Randy and Msry

Mary and Randy Busch - November 20, 2019 at 08:54 AM



“ I remember Joyce as a sweet and gracious lady. Faith choir was a wonderful bonding for all of us. And I remember the time Dick and Joyce flew to Florida with Karla, Kay and me for a children's music workshop at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church.

Deepest sympathy to the family as you miss this wonderful woman of God.

Bob and Norma Bogard

Norma Bogard - November 20, 2019 at 06:38 PM