



Mrs. JoAnn West

December 12, 1943 - January 6, 2010

Mrs. JoAnn West died peacefully on January 6, 2010 at her home. JoAnn was born December 12, 1943 in De Lier, The Netherlands to James and Bertha Poot (Noordam), the oldest of five children. The family immigrated to the United States in June 1956 and settled in Kalamazoo where JoAnn attended the Kalamazoo Christian Schools and then graduated from Calvin College with a BS degree. She was briefly married in 1965 to Harry Zwerver and moved to Canada with him. She worked for 20 years as a microbiologist at Mount Sinai, Wellesley and Toronto East General Hospitals. While in Canada she held several positions with the Ontario Society of Medical Technologists (OSMT) finishing as president from 1984-1985. She moved back to the United States in 1986 and briefly attended WMU. She then met and married William West who survives. As a couple they both earned national certification in Massage Therapy and have a business out of their home. Until recently JoAnn had been working as a microbiologist for 22 years at Allegan General Hospital. JoAnn enjoyed playing golf, working in her garden, picture puzzling, reading, attending the theater, playing with her cats and nightly walks with her Airedale, Tori. She was a member of Christ Community Church where she volunteered with the Vine Food Pantry, and was a member of the Christian Helpers Committee. She had been affiliated with Gilda's Club (Allegan County Extension). She bravely fought breast cancer for ten years. JoAnn loved life, was a gentle friend to everyone she met and will be sorely missed by those lucky enough to know her. Surviving are her husband, friend, and

partner, Bill; mother: Bertha Poot of Kalamazoo; sisters: Coby Mast of Grand Rapids, Jenny Evans of Battle Creek, Wilma Wahl of Richmond; brother, Abe Poot of Portage, and 13 nieces and nephews as well as 19 great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, James Poot. Cremation has taken place.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

Christ Community Church
3370 113th Avenue
Allegan, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. JoAnn West



Harper Funeral Home - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. JoAnn West

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mrs. JoAnn West

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Dear Bill:

We were so sad to hear of JoAnn's passing. She sure struggled for many years. We send our Love and Prayers. We both are Ill with a bad Virus and cannot attend the Celebration of Life for JoAnn today.

May God keep you in his Loving Light.

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January 16, 2010 at 10:13 AM



“ We want to express our sympathy to you with the loss of your wife, daughter, and sister. We will be thinking of you on Jan.23rd. We wish you all the best in the coming time.
Kees & Marti Esveldt###imported-begin###Marti Esveldt-Den Harder###imported-end##

January 15, 2010 at 11:36 AM



“ We were really sad to learn of JoAnn's death and her 10 year struggle with cancer. I can still remember when she and her family immigrated to the United States and how our families would get together on a regular basis. Seems like just a short time ago.###imported-begin###Cornie & Linda DenHarder###imported-end##

January 14, 2010 at 06:21 PM



“ There will never be anyone like JoAnn. j###imported-begin###Jaye Justice###imported-end##

January 14, 2010 at 02:48 PM