



Frances L. DeGroff

October 6, 1925 - April 2, 2012

BLISSFIELD – Frances L. DeGroff, 86, of Blissfield, passed away Monday, April 2, 2012, at her home.

Born October 6, 1925, she was the youngest child of Edward and Leola (Reynolds) Davis. In 1941, she married Russell C. DeGroff, and he preceded her in death.

Frances was well-known in the Blissfield community as the owner-operator of Ye Olde Town Pump Restaurant for 26 years, where favorites included her home-made pies and cole slaw. She was a life-long member of the First United Brethren Church now known as The Elem3nt Church.

Frances loved people and was dearly loved by her family including her children: Luann Wendel of Sylvania; Kathy Quigley of Adrian; Russell “Dennis” DeGroff of Bowling Green; and Gregg (Celeste) DeGroff of Manitou Beach; 15 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild; a sister, Elizabeth Ball of Sylvania; and a sister-in-law, Helen Davis, of California.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Loretta Beth, in infancy; and a brother, James Davis.

Funeral services for Frances will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2012,

at Wagley Funeral Home Tagsold Chapel in Blissfield with Rev. Keith Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery. Her family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Contributions in memory of Frances may be made to the Lenawee Humane Society or the American Heart Association. You may also send condolences to the family at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Frances L. DeGroff*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Sue (Reed) Enslin lit a candle in memory of Frances L. DeGroff*



Sue (Reed) Enslin - April 19, 2012 at 01:05 PM

BS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all in the loss of your mother and grandmother. I have such wonderful memories of my time waitressing at Towne Pump. Russell and Fran were wonderful people to work for and I was blessed to know them. I remember all the packed Friday night perch nights, the fun of getting to know and work with her granddaughter, Laura and the wonderful pies and other food that sold like crazy! What made Frances special, was how much she cared for others and would go out of her way to make someone happy. For instance, on more than one occasion, Fran baked and delivered my Dad (Vernon DeVantier) his favorite, pecan pie as he was battling cancer. I always enjoyed running into Fran at Borchardt's and most recently at Coney Island. She always had a hug and a smile, for one of her "girls" from the restaurant. I know that you will miss Fran, but what a reunion she and Russell had in Heaven! :) Someday, when we all get to Heaven, we can enjoy a piece of pecan pie with both of them and my Dad. Sorry that I could not make it to the visitation, but know that you were all in my thoughts. May God bless you in the days ahead, and may you focus on the wonderful memories you have of the mother and grandmother you were blessed with. Love, Barb (DeVantier) Schmidt

Barb Schmidt - April 06, 2012 at 08:47 PM

CJ

“ To Frances DeGross's Family: She was my first boss and I am truly grateful I had the opportunity working under the direction of her style...she taught me good work ethics and to go above and beyond....I also in the last few years have had the privilege of being her neighbor and getting reacquainted again....I will always remember her fondly...So sorry I was unable to pay my respects...know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers...Connie Jensen

Connie R. Jensen - April 05, 2012 at 11:30 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was a dear lady. Just hold on to the memories and continue to make each day a memorable day. It has been a long time since I have communicated with family. Life took us in different directions. I will always remember the good times we had in grade school. My dad was the transfer to Detroit back in 1961 and I was heartbroken that I was moving. I will cherish the times we had together. I remember your father having a wonderful talent for woodworking. Your friend always Jim Hood

Jim Hood - April 05, 2012 at 11:16 AM



“ I am also a former employee of Ye Olde Town Pump from the 1970's. Frances and Russell were my first employers. I cherish many of those memories and have taken the learning experiences with me. I often smile when cutting celery, carrots, and radishes to this day thinking of the training Frances provided. Who could forget the round table group, Thursday night chicken, Friday fish, and those delicious pies!! I have seen Frances at church in recent years, and we had great conversations about the "good old days". There are many fond memories of my first job at that little restaurant. May you find comfort in knowing Frances and Russell had such an impact on many of our lives. Keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Laurie Holmes Mosley

Laurie Mosley - April 05, 2012 at 09:40 AM

LF

“ dennis, sorry to hear about your mom passing. i met her years ago when we were in school. i believe you lived above the restaurant. i wondered what happened to you since i havent seen you at the wauseon fair in a while. i hope youre doing ok best regards larry faust

larry faust - April 05, 2012 at 09:11 AM

JF

“ Too All Of The Degroff's Family,
I work for your mother and dad at The Town Pump for a few year. She was great person and boss she had heart of gold. I will miss her. She would always have a smile.

Joyce Fetzer

Joyce Fetzer-Ammerman - April 04, 2012 at 09:51 PM

TS

“ Kathy, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Tricia Schweer

Tricia Schweer - April 04, 2012 at 02:39 PM

TC

“ A beautiful lady. Fran will be remembered by me for being a class-act and having the kindest spirit. My thoughts are with you.

Tisha Carrico-Mooneyham - April 04, 2012 at 11:51 AM

SD

“ I am from Blissfield, MI worked at the Ye Olde Town Pump with Frances for 5 years. This was my first job and I loved your mom she taught me hard work will pay off and respect for our customers...."customers always come first". I was often teased from my other coworkers that I was her "pet"...and of course I was because we worked so well together...even on those Saturdays that we did not have any customers and she made clean all day!! I graduated from Blissfield in 1975 but never forgot "Frances"... some of the girls I worked with werer scared of her but not me..."I would often say "Frances" just settle down things will get done and she would laugh. Please remember the good times and I hope that will make you smile. It was my honor to know her and work for her..I have very fond memories of the past. "Thanks Frances"....I turned out "okay" and you would be proud of me"....

Thank you for letting me share.....may you rest in peace!

Suzanne E. Donahue (maiden name Roe)

Suzanne E Donahue - April 04, 2012 at 09:06 AM

TT

“ Two Men And A Truck purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Frances L. DeGross.



Two Men And A Truck - April 04, 2012 at 08:57 AM

AS

“ *Adrian College-Campus Safety purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Frances L. DeGroff.*



Adrian College-Campus Safety - April 04, 2012 at 08:53 AM