



Hope M. J. Venema

September 3, 1925 - February 9, 2016

BLISSFIELD – Hope M. J. (Hanson) Venema, age 90 of Blissfield, passed away Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at her daughter's home.

She was born at home in Wakefield, Michigan, September 3, 1925 to Albert and Olga (Thompson) Hanson.

Hope earned a Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics from Michigan State University, and started her career in teaching in Niles, Michigan. After moving to Blissfield and starting a family, Hope was a substitute teacher for many years.

On June 25, 1949, Hope married Jacob Venema, and he preceded her in death in 1979, having shared 30 wonderful years together.

Hope was a 72 year member of the Tecumseh Order of the Eastern Star. She attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church, served as a 4H leader and a Campfire Girls leader. She kept busy with knitting and crocheting and was a talented seamstress. She loved music and dancing. Hope also devoted time to her beautiful rose garden. As a member of the Hitch Up and Go camping club, Hope and Jacob enjoyed many camping adventures.

She is survived by two daughters, Christine Venema of North Branch and

Elizabeth (Jeffrey) Kafer of Palmyra; a brother, Carl Hanson of Jamestown, NY; grandchildren, Temira, Elijah, Natasha and Matthew and a great granddaughter, Makayla.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by brothers, Alvin and Arnold Hanson and a sister, Faith Laurila.

Funeral services will take place at 1 p.m., Friday, February 12, 2016 at Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel in Blissfield, with Rev. Gary Leking officiating. Private burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery in Wakefield, Michigan. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Contributions in memory of Hope may be made to Lenawee Humane Society. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Hope M. J. Venema*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Evelyn Hejl lit a candle in memory of Hope M. J. Venema*



Evelyn Hejl - February 12, 2016 at 10:22 AM



“ *There are some things that never leave us, and a mother's love is one of them. Your mom/grandma will be with you in your hearts forever.*

Neither of us knew Aunt Hope well personally, but instead knew her from the stories of our Mom (Auntie Ruth). One of our favorites is her response to someone's question about her wedding to your dad/grandpa, and the empty sleeve. Mom said through tears that had she not already cared for her, she would have loved her forever from that moment on.

May God's love sustain you and touch your heart in a special way.

Bill & Diane Cusick

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“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family during this sad and difficult time. Tasha has spoken highly of her grandmother and I'm sure she will be missed. She sounds like a neat lady that touched a lot of lives. All of us at Dow are sending you hugs and prayers.*

Becci Ruyts - February 10, 2016 at 12:59 PM