



## Mery M Wittbrodt

March 15, 1924 - December 24, 2016

Mery was born on March 15, 1924. She is survived by her sister, Vilma Spies, husband Donald Arthur Wittbrodt, two children: Deborah (Gary) Nystrom, of Ann Arbor, Michigan and Donald Wittbrodt Jr., of Winchester, KY, and three grandchildren: Janelle Nystrom, Ian Nystrom, and Donald (Donnie) Wittbrodt III and niece Lilian Spies of Morón, Buenos Aires, Argentina. She was the eldest daughter of pastors José and America Diciancia Quiñones, of Buenos Aires.

Mery received a teaching degree from Normal Teachers' School in her teens. Under the tutelage of her father, her first sermon was preached at the age of 16. Mery completed studies at Medical Science University in Rosario, Argentina with a specialization in Biochemistry and Pharmacy. She took a break to tour Europe for a year as a delegate to the World Congress of the Student Christian Movement (SCM). She spoke multiple languages including French, which she used visiting refugee homes in France. In Switzerland, due to a SCM scholarship to the Ecumenical Institute, she studied the Bible, the world, and the Church, with a specialization in youth movements.

In 1952 Mery received a scholarship to Asbury Theological Seminary. While sailing to North America, Norwegians helped Mery learn English. She completed a Bachelor's of Divinity degree in 1955. She then married Donald Arthur Wittbrodt, also a seminary student, in 1956. They had two children: Deborah (Gary) Nystrom, of Ann Arbor, Michigan and Donald Wittbrodt Jr., of Winchester, KY.

Mery taught in Chemistry and science in the public schools as husband Rev. Donald Wittbrodt served churches mostly in Michigan. Mery continued her Christian work focusing on international missions and also Michigan migrant families. In the late 1960s, she also received a MA degree in teaching and science from the University of Michigan. She retired from many years of loving service as a Chemistry and science teacher, including 20 years at Madison Public Schools, near Adrian, Michigan. Her students reported great success in science at the university level due to her teaching work.

Mery was a positive, endearing soul who loved the Lord and brightened the lives of all those around her. Most recently at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, she participated in the prayer chain ministry and shared her passion for missions over many years.

We look forward to a Celebration of Mery's Life on Saturday, December 31, 2016 at Emmanuel Church in Blissfield, Michigan at 11 a.m. with Pastor Devin Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Riga Cemetery. A visitation for Mery will be on Friday, December 30, 2016 from 2 – 4 p.m. and 6 – 8 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home Tagsold Chapel in Blissfield, Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel Church or to the Alzheimer's Association; envelopes will be available at the funeral home and church. Expressions of sympathy can be made to [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home Tagsold Chapel (Blissfield)  
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DEC 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

DEC 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Emmanuel United Methodist Church  
215 E. Jefferson Street  
Blissfield, Mi

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mery M Wittbrodt*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Deb, Donnie,  
Sorry I was not there, I only found out today. Very nice tribute to your mom here, many interesting things I didn't know about her. I'm looking forward to learning more about her next time we're together. Please bring her memories next Thanksgiving to share.*

*Jeff Szczepanski*

Jeff Szczepanski - January 02, 2017 at 08:51 PM



*Thank you for your kind words Jeff. I appreciate it.*

Deborah Nystrom - January 04, 2017 at 05:48 PM



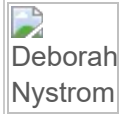
*Yes, I will bring things to our next Thanksgiving gathering.*

Deborah Nystrom - January 11, 2017 at 02:23 PM



“ *Deb, thinking of you and your extended family as you celebrate the life of your mother, Mery. The tributes attest to the strength and value of her life. My heart reaches out to you in this time of your loss.*

Becky Bahlibi - January 02, 2017 at 02:11 AM



Deborah  
Nystrom

*Thank you very much Becky for your kind words. I appreciate it.*

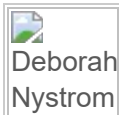
**Deborah Nystrom** - January 02, 2017 at 03:54 PM



TJ

“ *Deb and Gary...so sorry for the loss and not knowing about the funeral. May the days ahead be filled with the peaceful knowledge of many offering prayers for you and your family...Gods grace to each of you..Tammy Jackson and family...*

**Tammy Jackson** - January 01, 2017 at 10:33 PM



Deborah  
Nystrom

*Thank you Tammy.*

**Deborah Nystrom** - January 02, 2017 at 02:28 PM



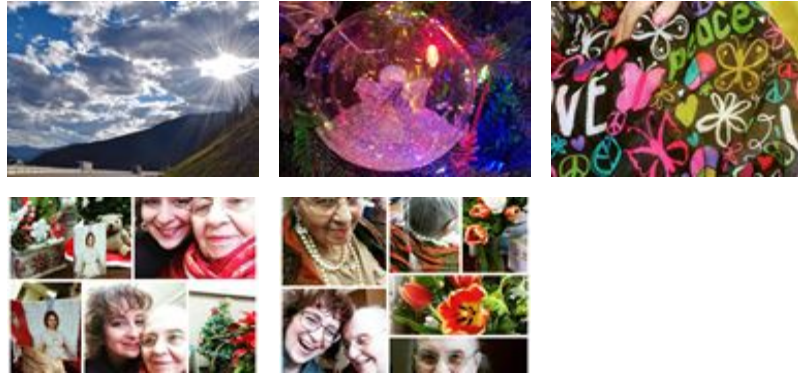
“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mery M Wittbrodt.*



December 30, 2016 at 11:03 AM



“ 75 files added to the album LifeTributes

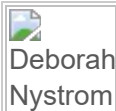


Wagley Funeral Home - December 30, 2016 at 09:21 AM

PM

*The photos are fabulous! Thank you for sharing.*

Patricia Milland - January 01, 2017 at 05:18 PM



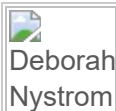
*Thank you Pat. It represents a portion of her Argentine, USA and pastoral, educator, wife, mother, leader, mentor life. It was a privilege to share these photos.*

Deborah Nystrom - January 02, 2017 at 03:57 PM

MS

*Gracias Deborah, esto es un regalo para mi espíritu.Me emocioné mucho al ver las fotos y tantos hermosos recuerdos de mi familia inundaron mi corazón.Gloria a Dios. Un fuerte abrazo*

Marta Sonia - January 02, 2017 at 04:28 PM



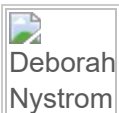
*Gracias Marta Sonia. Paz y Peace to us all, para todos.*

Deborah Nystrom - January 11, 2017 at 02:24 PM

JM

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
*Jennifer Fischer Mitchell*

Jennifer Mitchell - December 28, 2016 at 10:33 PM



Deborah  
Nystrom

Thank you Jennifer for your kind thoughts. Blissfield connected friends have been very kind to us.

Deborah Nystrom - December 31, 2016 at 05:00 PM

MC

“ *Marlin And Tammy (Smith) Colburn*

Marlin colburn - December 27, 2016 at 05:45 PM

KT

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. Mrs. Wittbrodt was my Chemistry teacher at Madison and helped me get my start with the lessons not just in Chemistry but life.*  
*Karen L. Tate*

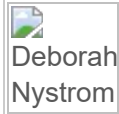


Karen L. Tate - December 27, 2016 at 03:03 PM

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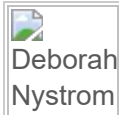
“ *Mrs. Wittbrodt was my Chemistry teacher at Madison High School!! Oh how I loved her, I will never forget her "penguin walk" she called it, she made Chemistry very fascinating!!! She will be greatly missed, my thoughts and prayers with you at this time!!*

Sandra Tripp - December 27, 2016 at 01:39 PM



*I am thrilled to have heard the stories of her teaching career at Madison and the lives she touched, as well as the humor. I found the 1978 Madison High School (Adrian) yearbook that was dedicated to her, a real honor. Thanks for your comments. It means a lot to us.*

**Deborah Nystrom** - January 02, 2017 at 03:58 PM



*While I found the 1978 Yearbook on line, one of her students, who's sister became a nurse, sent me an actual copy. We were thrilled to receive it in honor of the profession of teaching, the lives enriched by teachers everywhere, and the tribute in this 1978 to my mother, Mrs. Wittbrodt, Mery, Chemistry and science teacher at Madison High School, Adrian, Michigan.*

**Deborah Nystrom** - January 11, 2017 at 02:26 PM



“*Darlene (Gregg) Hooker lit a candle in memory of Mery M Wittbrodt*



**Darlene (Gregg) Hooker** - December 27, 2016 at 12:14 PM



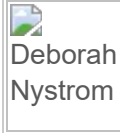
*Mery was my science teacher at Madison School. She was a wonderful teacher.*

**Darlene (Gregg) Hooker** - December 27, 2016 at 12:15 PM



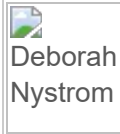
*Thank you Darlene. Comments above about the 1978 Yearbook dedicated to her.*

**Deborah Nystrom** - January 11, 2017 at 02:27 PM



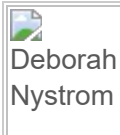
“ Gary Philip Nystrom was added to the Family Tree.

Deborah Nystrom - December 27, 2016 at 09:49 AM



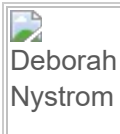
“ Donald Arthur Wittbrodt was added to the Family Tree.

Deborah Nystrom - December 27, 2016 at 09:44 AM



“ America Quiñones was added to the Family Tree.

Deborah Nystrom - December 26, 2016 at 09:38 PM



“ Jose Quiñones was added to the Family Tree.

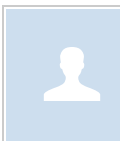
Deborah Nystrom - December 26, 2016 at 09:34 PM



“ Jack and Sue Davidsen purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mery M Wittbrodt.



Jack and Sue Davidsen - December 26, 2016 at 06:50 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mery M Wittbrodt.

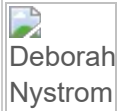


December 26, 2016 at 05:45 PM

BW

“ *Jan and I are sorry for the loss of Mery. Wish we could be there with you but family is here and airport schedule will not work for us. She was a kind and generous woman and will not be forgotten.* ”

Ben Witbrodt - December 26, 2016 at 04:54 PM



*Thanks Ben and Jan. <3*

Deborah Nystrom - December 27, 2016 at 01:48 PM



“ *Mosaic of Memories Square Easel Wreath was purchased for the family of Mery M Wittbrodt.* ”



December 26, 2016 at 03:38 PM



“ *Graceful Grandeur Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Mery M Wittbrodt.* ”



December 26, 2016 at 03:18 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mery M Wittbrodt.* ”



December 26, 2016 at 03:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mery M Wittbrodt.*



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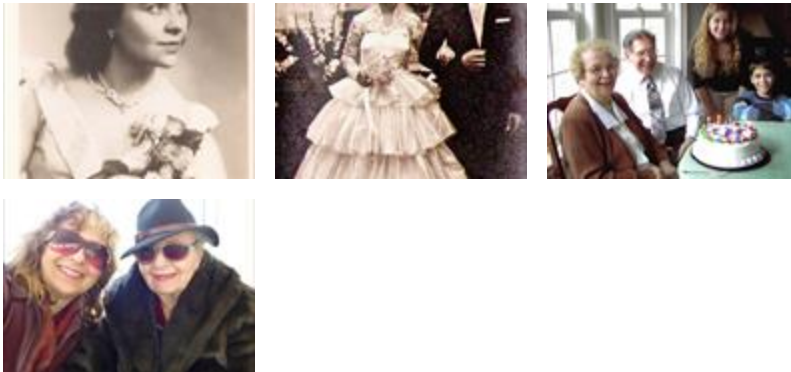
“ *I remember the first time I met Mery. She said "You love my Donnie, I can see it (her son)." We finished tidying the kitchen and sat down at the table to talk. She put her hand on mine and said, "Querida, your spirit shines all around you." Simply the sweetest words anyone had ever spoken to me.*

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**penny wilson** - December 26, 2016 at 01:31 PM




“ *4 files added to the album Mery Melba Wittbrodt (Quiñones) Collection*



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**Deborah Nystrom** - December 26, 2016 at 11:57 AM


  
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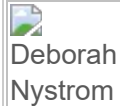
“ Here are photos of Mery's early years and later years. More will be added soon of her middle years in this Flickr photo album here: <http://flic.kr/s/aHskKAxQ9c>

*~ Deborah (Wittbrodt) Nystrom, daughter*



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**Deborah Nystrom** - December 26, 2016 at 11:30 AM



“ *The obituary will be added shortly. Brief details:*

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