



Jeanette Roorda

July 12, 1931 - July 5, 2020

Jeanette Roorda, age 88, a lifetime resident of DeMotte, passed away on Sunday, July 5, 2020 at Oak Grove Christian Retirement. She was born July 12, 1931, in Merrillville, Indiana the daughter of Klass and Jenny (DeJong) Meyer.

Jeanette graduated from Fair Oaks High School, Class of 1949. She married Joe Charles Roorda on May 19, 1951 in DeMotte. He preceded her in death on March 13, 2017. Jeanette was a member of American Reformed Church. Jeanette worked as a medical secretary for 19 years for DeMotte Physicians. She was a dedicated member of the town council, serving as the Clerk-Treasurer from 1976-1979, the first woman to serve on the council from 1980-1987 and only woman to serve as President of town council from 1982-1986. She then served as the town manager from 1987-1994 and finally as special project coordinator from 1995-2002. Jeanette worked with various organizations for funding and grants to help improve our community.

Jeanette is survived by her children: Joe Roorda, John (Kathy) Roorda, and Jenny (Don) Tillema; grandchildren: Eric (Jen) Tillema, Neil (Luz) Tillima, David (Linda) Tillema, and Jeni Rae Tillema, Matthew (Erin) Roorda, Adam (Carrie) Roorda, Courtney (Adam) Vogel and Christy (Kevin) Nelms; 9 great-grandchildren: Kody, Ethan, Noah, Tyler, Logan, Elena Tillema, and Collins and Cannon Vogel, Talon Nelms and one great-grandchild on the way; sisters:

Margaret Swart and Anna Winger.

Jeanette was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a grandson Joseph Aaron Roorda, brothers, Joe Meyer and John Meyer, half-brothers, Carl Meyer and William Meyer, and a half-sister, Mary Thiel.

Friends and family may gather, while practicing social distancing, at American Reformed Church of DeMotte on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 from 12:00 – 2:00 PM. A Funeral Service will immediately follow at the church at 2:00 PM with Pastor Troy Nanninga officiating. Interment will be held at Holland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to American Reformed Church.

Cemetery Details

Holland Cemetery

Holland Cemetery
DeMotte, IN 46310

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

American Reformed Church
1021 S. Halleck St.
DeMotte, IN

Funeral Service

JUL 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Jeanette Roorda*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - July 07, 2020 at 03:13 PM

KC

“ *So many good times w/politics: Jeanette was the DeMotte Clerk-Treasurer & Town Manager for many years. She had the town and community close to her heart. She was also a wonderful Keener precinct committeewoman and worked the precinct hard for the Republican Party.*

Personally Jeanette and us became such good friends. We knew that we could talk 'politics' freely and we all enjoyed that.

She was such a caring and loving lady and had such a wonderful family.

She has left a void in our hearts.

Kenny and Sandra Culp

Ken & Sandra Culp - July 09, 2020 at 10:28 PM

KC

“ *Ken & Sandra Culp lit a candle in memory of Jeanette Roorda*



Ken & Sandra Culp - July 09, 2020 at 10:18 PM

RS

“ My family and I have so many memories of Jeanette and her family over many years. She was a wonderful caring mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, a special friend of mine and asset to her community for many years. She will be missed by all.
My sympathy with prayers, Ruth Swart

Ruth Swart - July 07, 2020 at 04:04 PM



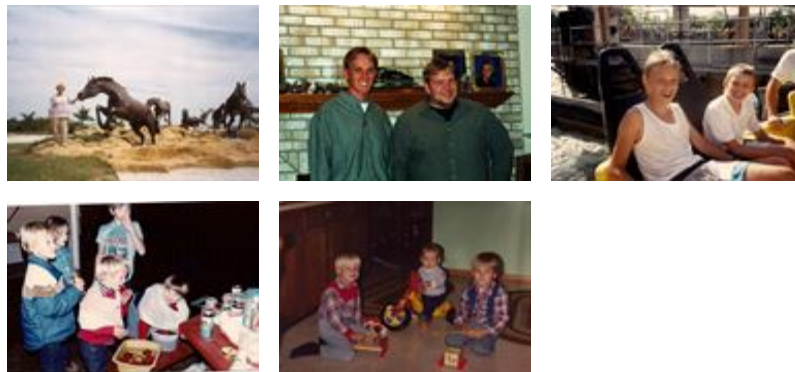
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Jackson Funeral Chapels - July 07, 2020 at 02:15 PM



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Jackson Funeral Chapels - July 07, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ *Cindy Culbreth lit a candle in memory of Jeanette Roorda* ”



Cindy culbreth - July 06, 2020 at 01:34 PM