



Karilyn Leone Merchant

November 5, 1933 - August 3, 2009

Karilyn Leone Merchant age 75, of DeMotte, Indiana passed away on August 3, 2009 at the Oak Grove Christian Retirement Village in DeMotte. She was born on November 5, 1933 in Orange City, Iowa to Julius and Frances Marie (VanderStoep) Talsma. Karilyn attended public schools in Orange City and Sioux City Iowa. On February 4, 1950 she married James Douglas Merchant and he preceded her in death in September 2007. Karilyn was a general and associate manager for J C Penney's and retired after a 40 year career. She was a long time active member of Mayfair Reformed Church in Lakewood, CA and until her health failed enjoyed attending services at Oak Grove Christian Retirement Village and at Community Christian Reformed Church in DeMotte. Karilyn is survived by her daughter Patricia (Phillip) Roodzant, DeMotte; granddaughter Pamela (Kevin) Uffelman, Acampo, CA; Grandson James (Tawnya) Roodzant, DeMotte; Great Grandchildren Sarah, Jenna, and Emma Uffelman; Sam, Jake, Matthew, Molly and Brady Roodzant; Brother Glenn Talsma, Yankton, SD; Sisters Arta (Cordell) Hull, Walnut Creek, CA, Julia (Everett) Verdoorn, Littleton, CO, Mary (Clark) Godfrey and Kay (Jim) Godfrey both of Sioux City, IA . Sister-in-laws, Ramona Talsma, Bellflower, CA; Lynn Merchant, Sioux City, IA; Ernestine Merchant S. Sioux City, NE; Mary (Ron) Harnack, Remsen, IA. Brother-in-laws, Eugene (Norma) Merchant, Elk Point, SD; Kelly (Pam) Merchant, Wichita, KS; Frank (Rena) Merchant, Omaha, NE; Bob Merchant, John (Elaine) Merchant and Howard Karras all of Sioux City, IA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother Robert Talsma and sister Janice Fraser.

Family and Friends may call on Thursday, August 6, 2009 from 3 - 7 PM at Christy-Smith Funeral Home, Morningside Chapel, 1801 Morningside Ave, Sioux City, IA

Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 7, 2009 at 10:30 AM at St Mark's Lutheran Church, Sioux City, IA. Interment will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery, Sioux City, IA.

Tribute Wall



“ My prayers are with the family during their loss. Karilyn was a special lady and will be missed###imported-begin###Renee Beverly###imported-end###

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“ Patty and Family,

Sorry to hear of your moms passing. She is in heaven and a new person now.

How wonderful. I know this is hard as I'm having a hard time now what with losing my Bert. Time heals all.

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“ Dear Pat, I want to send my sympathy to you and your family. I remember Karilyn from the very day we moved Sadie to Oak Grove. She always greeted us on her way out for a walk... As hard as it is to lose our mothers, we know how happy they now are in the presense our Lord. Memories are the bandages of our broken hearts. Love to you. Ardy Myers###imported-begin###Ardith Myers###imported-end###

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