



Mary DeVries

September 30, 1946 - December 22, 2020

It is with heavy hearts that the family announces the passing of Mary DeVries, on December 22, 2020 at the age of 74.

Mary was born on September 30, 1946 in Rensselaer, Indiana, the daughter of the late Clarence and Henricka (Schoonveld) Siphkema. Survived by her loving husband, Alvin DeVries of DeMotte and her children: Julie (Matthew) Sather of Mokena, IL; Pamela (Dean) Shafer of Holland, MI; Shelley (Scott) Plaggemars of Holland, MI and six dearly loved grandchildren: Rachel and Lindsey Sather, Luke and Leah Shafer, Eric and Reuben Plaggemars. Mary was preceded in death by her brother, Ronald Siphkema.

Mary was a loving mother, wife, grandmother, and friend. She loved being surrounded by her family and friends always desiring to host people at her home or lake house. She certainly made sure all whom she loved were fed well and provided with a whole lot of her wonderful baked goods. Her favorite times of year involved big gatherings. Holidays were always made special by her. Summertime and warm weather was her favorite times not just so she could tend to her beautiful flower gardens and yard, but also to spend time at Winona Lake and invite people to join the fun and make these special memories.

Her legacy is really the impact of her faith. Mary was a charter member of

Bethel Christian Reformed Church and has faithfully served and loved the people of this church family throughout her adult life. She poured her heart into groups of youth at the church who still comment on the impact of those days in their lives. She has had an impact on the faith of all of her children, grandchildren as well those for whom she was like a second mom. She deeply loved those around her and she was deeply loved in return.

A private Graveside Service will be held on Saturday, December 26, 2020 for immediate family only at Holland Cemetery with Pastor Rick VanderWall officiating. A Celebration of Life Service will be held in the Spring of 2021 with a date to be determined. We look forward to gathering safely and sharing stories of love for Mary and her love for others.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethshan Association 12927 S. Monitor Ave in Palos Heights, IL 60463 or Bethel Christian Reformed Church Lift Fund.

Cemetery Details

Holland Cemetery

Holland Cemetery
DeMotte, IN 46310

Tribute Wall

JN

“ It was a joy watching the pleasure Mary took in working her magic touch with the flowers in her yard at their home at Winona Lake. She had fun there bringing her family together throughout the summer to build forever lasting camaraderie. You could tell that meant so much to her.

Jan Nelson - January 02, 2021 at 11:33 PM

BF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I always looked forward to meeting Mary and Al when they visited Shelley and Scott in Holland since we attended the same church. I know she will be missed. May our Lord fill you with His peace and comfort.

Betty Frieling - December 24, 2020 at 03:52 PM

HH

“ So sorry to hear of Mary's passing. We have great memories of her during the time we lived in DeMotte. She was always such an encourager. When I think of her, I picture her with that wonderful smile. Our sympathy to the family and we'll be praying that God will comfort you.
Harry and Joan Holwerda

Harry & Joan Holwerda - December 24, 2020 at 01:48 PM

MS

“ Over the twenty five years that I have known Mary, we have shared many family times together! Always enjoyed Grandparents Day for Luke and Leah at Rose Park and Holland Christian High with Mary and Al. Many hugs to the family!

Mary Shafet - December 23, 2020 at 05:10 PM



Such sad news.... our prayers go out to Al and the DeVries family. We always enjoyed visiting with Al and Mary on the island. Flowers and yard always so lovely, an the most spectacular golden maple tree! It was an honor to know such a fine lady.

Hal and Jenny Harting

Hal and Jenny Harting - January 01, 2021 at 12:31 PM