



Mrs. Edythe M. Brunger

September 20, 1927 - November 27, 2011

BRUNGER, EDYTHE M.

Grand Ledge

On November 27, 2011 God received an angel in Heaven. Edythe was born Sept. 20, 1927 in Lansing, MI to the late Glen and Emma (Bassett) Shepard. For over 30 years, with love and pride, she cared for her Church Home as custodian at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Grand Ledge. She was an avid gardener, enjoyed bowling, and always looked at life in a positive light. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother and will be dearly remembered by her family: Sons Darrel and Jeffrey, daughters Suzanne (Jeff) Schaible and Karen (Dale Simpson) Brunger, grandchildren Jennifer (Paul) Sonnenberg, Tamara (Tim) Lipsey, Casey (Craig) Tucker, Candace (Brian George) Brunger, And Mitchell Smith, 6 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by husband Stuart and 3 sisters. Visitation will be Tuesday 5-8pm at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011, 1:00pm at First Congregational United Church of Christ Grand Ledge with interment following at Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to First Congregational United Church of Christ 210 W. Saginaw Highway Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837 or Alzheimer's Association, Capitol Area Region 5303 S. Cedar Street, Building One Lansing, Michigan 48911.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

299 Halbert Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **29**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
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Grand Ledge, MI 48837
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Service

NOV **30**. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Congregational United Church of Christ
210 W. Saginaw Hwy
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Tribute Wall



“ *Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Edythe M. Brunger*



Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home - November 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Even when we disagreed on something at a family get together we parted on good terms and she didn't disown me. A first class lady and aunt. All my mother's sisters were first class leaving me with no regrets. Their kindness to me will not be forgotten. Sadly that chapter of the Shepard girls comes to a close with the passing of Aunt Edythe. The world would be a better place if more were like her.*

May the Priestly Blessing of Numbers 6:24-26 be upon her children.

*Stephen Rice,
Lowell Mi.*

Stephen Rice - November 29, 2011 at 09:10 PM

NT

“ I bowled on the same bowling league with Edythe for many years- she was always so much fun and such a caring woman. I so enjoyed meeting up with her in Grand Ledge and hearing about her family and just catching up with her. She was so kind and just a sweetheart. I know her family will miss her dearly but know they will find peace in many wonderful memories they have of her and knowing she is also at peace.

Norma Love Trommater

Norma Love Trommater - November 29, 2011 at 04:15 PM

JF

“ Edythe....I finally know how to spell your name after all of these years. I want to thank you for remembering me at Christmas time. Your card was always the first to arrive to bless us a joyous holiday. You and Sue have been a part of our lives for many many years. It was great knowing you and you will be dearly missed by many family and many friends. You were such a hard worker. I have always respected you for all your hard work at the church. I admired your spunk and how dearly you cared for your grandchildren. Thank you for being a wonderful person to all of us! My momther always said that if you pass on a rainy day, you were sure to enter the pearly gates. Love you, Joyce Fillmore

joyce fillmore - November 29, 2011 at 03:20 PM

SG

“ Aunt Edythe was the "glue" that held our family together. Every year I think of the wonderful Thanksgiving dinners she and Uncle Stuart so graciously hosted, and how we would crowd around the "kids' tables" in their basement, enjoying the delicious food and stories our Aunts and Uncles would share. I can remember Aunt Edythe's contagious laugh and positive attitude. She loved to talk about her family, especially her grandchildren. She loved life and always saw the good in people. She will always have a very special place in my heart. My heartfelt condolences to my Grand Ledge family in this time of loss.

Sharon Rice Glenn - November 28, 2011 at 07:09 PM



“ marsha gray purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Edythe M. Brunger.



marsha gray - November 28, 2011 at 06:33 PM

LH

“ Edythe's smile and greetings made her the unofficial hostess at First Congregational for many years. She always remembered everyone's name, asked about their family members, and made sure you knew she was glad to see you--whether it was for Sunday worship, because you dropped by the office for something during the week, or because you were working at a church event...

Leah Horn - November 28, 2011 at 04:13 PM

KB

“ I believe some years in the future, the day mom died will also be Thanksgiving. She loved preparing for the day of feasting. She tried to make everyone's favorite. She loved Grand Ledge - never wanted to live anywhere else. She like Petoskey, Port Huron, Lake Superior (picking up the stones on the shore). She also liked to shop for her family. She was very conscious of being fair with her kids & grandkids. She taught by her example of being: kind to others, work before play, God & family 1st. She loved to work in her flower beds. She gladly would share perinnal flowers with anyone that wanted some-she wanted them to continue to grow & flourish. For those of you that want to remember her, please know she didn't care for cut flowers much (she said they didn't last long). She loved her church and had dementia for the last years of her life.

Karen Brunger - November 28, 2011 at 10:39 AM

SC

I worked with Edythe for many years at the church and she always said I was her adopted daughter. My son used to follow her around and be her helper on some days just as some of her grandchildren did and he would always say, "she is the only one that can call me Stevie." I know she loved to work in her garden at home and also at the church. She gave me purple hyacinths and daffodils from her garden to plant at my house. She took such pride in the cleanliness of "her" church. She truly loved her family and took great pride in each and every one of them. I will miss her dearly as will my three kids who thought of her as their "adopted" grandmother. I am sure she is at peace now and very happy in her new home. My thoughts and prayers to the family.

Sue Corey

Susan Corey - November 28, 2011 at 03:03 PM

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Stephen Rice - November 29, 2011 at 08:58 PM

SU

This year will be three years - since I lost u - mom to become one of God's Angels...

There has never been a day since MOM became one of Gods Angels that I do not think of her! I so miss her & treasure my memories of her!

I'm proud to have been her daughter! She was a prime example of caring & loving for others!

I've always tried to be make you proud of me & you provided me many tools-the most important one was to honor & have faith in God!

Mom - I still carry on with the holidays in memory of you & for our family. Till we meet again - I love you!

sue - November 19, 2014 at 11:00 PM