



## Merle J. Tyler

July 12, 1927 - November 21, 2014

Merle J. Tyler of Grand Ledge passed away November 21, 2014. Merle was born July 12, 1927 in Buffalo, New York to the late Richard and Kathryn (Schaaf) Jacobson. She received her B.A. from Wells College, Aurora, NY and M.A. from Oakland University, Rochester, MI. Merle began her career as a science teacher for the University Liggett School, Grosse Pointe, MI and taught for 17 years. Always interested in branching out, she became a realtor in the Detroit area and then went on to work for the State of Michigan as a Disability Examiner until her retirement. For the last 20 years she was a substitute teacher in the Grand Ledge and Eaton County School Systems. Merle was active in her church and was a longtime member and past president of the ABC Club. She was an avid animal lover and will be missed by her greyhound, Lucky. Merle is survived by her husband of thirty-three years, Boyd; daughters, Janeen (Perry) Beebe, Tracy (Gary) Riffle and Jill Jewett; grandchildren, Bryan and Erin Marzoli, Philip Jewett, Tamera and Tracy Riffle and brother, Dr. Howard (Chris) Simon. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, November 25, 2014 11:00 a.m. at the Grand Ledge First Congregational United Church of Christ, 210 W. Saginaw Highway, Grand Ledge, MI 48837 with The Reverend Nicolette Siragusa, officiating. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Grand Ledge First Congregational UCC or Eaton Community Palliative Care, 2675 S. Cochran Road, Charlotte, Michigan 48813.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Merle was one of my favorite subs at GLHS. I always enjoyed our conversations. She was a very nice lady, and I will surely miss her.

Alice Bower - November 25, 2014 at 01:08 PM

JB

“ I am sorry for your loss. Merle was a wonderful substitute in my classroom at Grand Ledge High School. Many days Merle came in and hit the ground running with my students if my own children were sick and needed to be picked up. Merle was helpful and kind. May she rest in peace. I will pray for strength for her family and friends during this difficult time. ~Jennifer Bouck

Jennifer Bouck - November 25, 2014 at 11:54 AM

Dana Lutz

“ Boyd, Janeen, Tracy, & Jill,  
My thoughts & prayers are with you all. So many of my childhood memories have you all in them. Your mom/wife was such a dear friend of my mom's that we called her Auntie. I know she lived a good, long life & got in as much as she could every day. I feel so blessed to have had her in my life.



Dana Naimish Lutz

Dana Lutz - November 24, 2014 at 09:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Merle J. Tyler.*



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November 24, 2014 at 07:40 PM



“ *Uncle Boyd and family. We are so saddened by Aunt Merle's passing. We love you and pray for strength at this difficult time. All our love, Denny, Diane, Jessica and Scott XOXO*

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**Diane Dick** - November 24, 2014 at 07:26 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Merle J. Tyler.*



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November 24, 2014 at 10:16 AM



“ *Boyd, we are so sorry to hear of Merle's passing. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers. So sorry we cannot be there for the memorial service. I am so glad I got to know Merle a little better when she was at the Eaton Country Rehab after having her stroke. Your cousin, Jackie Carter Ames.*

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**Jackie Ames** - November 23, 2014 at 05:00 PM