



Olith Grace Hovey

December 19, 1927 - December 31, 2021

Our Mom, Olith Grace (Sweet) Hovey, left us at 10:35 PM on New Year's Eve. She elected not to welcome in 2022. Born on December 19, 1927 to Russell and Louella Sweet in Detroit, she often spoke fondly of childhood summers spent on her grandparent's farm in Morenci.

Mom epitomized her middle name, Grace. She obtained Bachelors and Masters degrees from Michigan State University and taught all grades except Kindergarten for 30 years, the last 15 in Holt. She also taught Basic Skills to U. S. Army soldiers during a 10-month Sabbatical in Italy. She had 3 sons by birth, and acquired another 6 sons and daughters through marriage to the love of her life, Ed Hovey. She and Ed embarked on a series of adventures in retirement, leading them to multiple European excursions and a trip to Asia. They settled for over 20 years in Prescott, Arizona where they delighted in the picturesque scenery and the company of amazing friends. Returning to Michigan in 2008, they lived in senior facilities. Ed passed in 2010, and she decided that assisted living was not a necessity for her. For five years, she lived in a beautiful little house in Grand Ledge before returning to Independence Village of Grand Ledge for her final 6 years.

Olith was preceded in death by her Mom and Dad, husband of 45 years, Ed Hovey, son, Tom Hovey and daughter Candace Glaister. She is survived by sons Charles (Robin), Tom (Janet) and Dan Renton, Phil (Louise), John

(Monica) Hovey; daughters, Margaret (Scott) Truax and Sue Desmond and daughter-in-law, Terri Hovey-Randell. Additionally, she leaves a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren and in a long line of feline friends; Mike, who stayed faithfully by her side until the end.

Loved, honored and respected by all of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, she will be sorely missed. Bon Voyage Mom!

In lieu of flowers the family wishes for you to make a donation to your charity of choice in Olith's name. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.

Tribute Wall

TL

“ Mrs. Hovey was my teacher at Holt Middle School. She was an amazing teacher. You definitely behaved in her class, and you didn't chew gum (or you would have to stick it on your nose). I learned a lot from her and think of her often. Thoughts and prayers to her family and loved ones. She has made a difference in many lives.

Treesa Lovely - January 05, 2022 at 07:21 PM

RP

“ Like Dan Knechtal described I was a class clown. She didn't play!❤️ She promptly put me at the front row. I had her for 6th grade English and 7th grade social studies. She made me want to do better. She kept a porcelain cat on her desk and always had a mug with a cat theme. Because of her I know that I just made a pattern 3 sentence. 15 years ago I found her number online and we spoke. She remembered me after 30 years. I didn't think she was really going to read everybody's 5 page essay so I had a paragraph off topic about burnt toast. I told her, 'thank you' and she said she always enjoys hearing that. - Ray Platt

Ray Platt - January 04, 2022 at 03:19 PM

DK

“ Mrs. Hovey was my 4th grade teacher, I was a bit of a hell Raiser but not in her room, she ran a tight ship but was an excellent teacher. I never forgot her. RIP 🙏

Dan Knechtel - January 04, 2022 at 01:11 PM