



# Ann Ruth Westart

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## **Ann Ruth Westart**

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**B**ig Rapids - Ann Ruth (Tetzlaff) Westart, age 77, of Big Rapids, passed away Monday, November 14, 2016. She was born on April 11, 1939 in Big Rapids, the daughter of Arthur L. and Emma Marie (Swanson) Tetzlaff, Sr. Ann graduated from Big Rapids High School in 1957 and earned her bachelor's degree in 1975 and master's degree in 1993 in accounting from Ferris State. Prior to college, she enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1958, serving until 1961. While in the Navy she won the All Navy Women's Tennis Championship, having her picture taken with General , later President, Dwight D. Eisenhower. Ann worked in the accounting department at Ferris from 1987, retiring as Senior Staff Accountant in 2005. She volunteered in many capacities at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, her favorite being MOPS. Ann stayed active in retirement participating in senior games, swimming, tennis and yoga. She is survived by one daughter, Rhonda, of Henderson, NV; one granddaughter, Natasha (Art Tierce) Westart of McMinnville, OR; nine brothers and sisters, Jim Tetzlaff of Twin Falls, ID, Tom (Nancy) Tetzlaff of East Lansing, MI, Karin (Steve) Poulos of Deerfield, IL, Neil (Lillian) Tetzlaff of Reed City, MI, Ted (Carol) Tetzlaff of Grand Island, FL, Terry (Phylis) Tetzlaff of Clearwater, FL, Mary Kellogg of Gardner, KS, Art (Peggy) Tetzlaff of Big Rapids, MI, and Lynn (Terry) LeGrow of Ronan, MT; and many beloved nieces and nephews. Ann was preceded in death by her parents and John L. Westart, the father of her daughter. A memorial service for Ann will be at 12 noon, Saturday, November 19, 2016 at the Mohnke Funeral Home in Big Rapids, with Pastor John Bookshaw officiating. Her family will greet friends beginning at 11:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mana Pantry or St. Peter's Lutheran Quilters.



## Tribute Wall

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DK

**Dawn J Traynor-Keith** posted:

So very sorry for your loss Lynn and for the Tetzlaff and Westart Families.

December 8 at 8:00 PM

SP

**Sandra Paterakos** posted:

My Aunt Ann was the sweetest, most giving, loving, kind, warm, sweet...I could go on and on...I (being the second oldest granddaughter of Marie and Art) grew up with Aunt Ann. I remember going to the Brookfield Zoo, and Ice Skating so often, and visiting

November 28 at 8:00 PM

MS

**Melissa Sawyer** posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. Having met Ann in 1988 (I'm a friend of Rhonda's from college), I was always in awe of her unending love and support of her girls. She always had a smile on her face and it was easy to see and feel her love for Rh

November 18 at 8:00 PM

CD

**Cheryl D.** posted:

I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved Mrs. Westart. Please be comforted by God's promise that one day soon death, mourning, and pain will be gone from the earth forever. (Revelation 21:4) Until that time, may the love and support of family and fr

November 18 at 8:00 PM

ME

**Mike And Holly Elliott** posted:

Sorry for your loss - Thinking of you!

November 17 at 8:00 PM

RT

**Roger And Mieko Tierce** posted:

We are going to miss this lovely lady. We always enjoyed her presence and laughter. Recently we spent time with her and a lot of neighbors dressed up on Halloween evening. Fun night we'll never forget. We will dearly miss you Ann.

November 15 at 8:00 PM



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**Colleen Rakunas** posted:

My sincerest condolences to Rhonda and the entire family. Losing one's parents is always the hardest. Her light lives on in you and Natasha.

November 15 at 8:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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