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Big Rapids - Janet L. Katke, 87, of Big Rapids, passed away Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at her home surrounded by her loved ones. She was born January 1, 1930, in Big Rapids, the daughter of Hugh and Beulah (Kirvan) Bell, and grew up on the farm at Bell's Corners near Rodney. In 1948, Janet graduated from Mecosta High School, and on September 4 of that same year, she married Richard Katke. Janet lived most of her adult life in the area, although Dick's work led them to Illinois, Oklahoma, and other parts of Michigan for several years. In 1992, they returned to Round Lake to enjoy their retirement years. She and Dick were longtime members of the First United Methodist Church in Big Rapids. Janet was a loving wife and mother, dedicating her time, energy, and love to her family and friends, and was always there when someone needed help. She is survived by her daughters Sue Ann McConnell and Mary Katke-Gillum, both of Big Rapids; her granddaughters MacKenzie Gillum, Michelle (Scott) Kolp, and Angela (Kevin) Endres; her great-grandchildren Ryan and Courtney Kolp, and Austin Endres; and several nieces and nephews. Janet was preceded in death by her husband Richard on August 29, 2010, their son Hal, her sister Grace Willett, and her brothers John, Max, and Dale Bell. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 13, 2017, at the First United Methodist Church in Big Rapids, with Pastors Rick Kiekinveld and Rebecca Morrison officiating. Burial will be in the Highland View Cemetery. Janet's family will greet friends on Sunday, March 12, from 2-4 p.m. at the Mohnke Funeral Home, and prior to services on Monday at the church. Memorial contributions in her name may be made to Evergreen Terrace to benefit the residents there, with envelopes available at the funeral home.



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The Ray Gregory Family Joanne Emmons posted:

Our family always had a warm relation with the Bell family & Janet was a special reminder of them. She brighten everyone's day. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family.

March 10 at 8:00 PM

SM

Shawn Macfarlane posted:

Sincere and heartfelt condolences.

March 9 at 8:00 PM

KM

Kim Miller posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you. It was a true pleasure to know and love Janet.

March 9 at 8:00 PM

WS

Wendell & Shirley Roe posted:

Sending our love and hugs to you and yours.

March 9 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Janet by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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