



Rosemary Van Raaphorst

May 7, 1928 - October 10, 2012

Rosemary Van Raaphorst, of Warren, passed away Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at the age of 84. Beloved wife of the late Anthony. Loving mother of Martha Van Raaphorst, David C. (Suzette), Jane (Michael) Trupiano, Paul (Joanna) and Anne Marie (Mark Promo) Van Raaphorst. Dear grandmother of Jocelyn and Tressa Graziadei, Sara (Joe) Blahnik, David A., Kenneth (Kim) Barduca, Maxwell and Claire Van Raaphorst, Krystal Merschel and Victor Promo. Dear great grandmother of 7. Dear sister of Virginia (Alfred) Trudeau.

Rosemary was a very inspirational teacher, she taught advanced Biology and helped many bright students pursue their further studies, taught in the Lakeview School District for over 20 years and received many awards, including teacher of the year.

In lieu of flowers, donations to T.H.A.W or D.P.T.V are appreciated. <http://www.thawfund.org/>
<http://www.dptv.org/>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12.** 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren
11470 Thirteen Mile Road
Warren, MI 48093
(586) 751-3131
warren@wasikfuneralhome.com

Instate at Church

OCT **13.** 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Jane Frances De Chantal
38750 Ryan Rd
Sterling Heights, Mi

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

CF

“ Without a doubt, Mrs. Van was the most influential teacher in my formative years. I had the good fortune to be in her classrooms for 4 years. Her lessons carried me well into my undergraduate years. She translated the complex into easily digestible concepts. She set fire to my curiosity, constantly challenged me, and nurtured a healthy skepticism that continues to serve me in my career as a neuroscientist. Her memory will live on and on in the students she mentored.

Catherine Delaney Freiman, Ph.D. (Lakeview HS, Class of 1988)

Catherine Delaney Freiman - October 14, 2012 at 04:08 PM

MB

“ To the Van Rapphorst family: Rosemary and I were teachers at Lakeview High School during the same time period. My son, Dr. Kenneth Backstrand, has said on several occasions that it was thanks to Mrs. Van Raaphorts's biology class that made his first year of medical school 'a breeze.' Rosemary was dedicated and had a way of urging her students to do their very best. She will be greatly missed. Margaret Backstrand

Margaret Backstrand - October 12, 2012 at 12:28 PM

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“ Dear Jane and family,
My deepest sympathy to you and your family for the loss of your mother. May all your favorite memories comfort you and bring you peace.

Sincerely,
Nancy Ceccacci Nevedal



Nancy Ceccacci Nevedal - October 12, 2012 at 11:16 AM

DD

“ *What a genuinely kind and intelligent lady. I enjoyed her sweet spirit immensely. She will be an inspiration to me forever. Dr. Cathy Dungan-McPhail*

Dr. Cathy Dungan-McPhail - October 12, 2012 at 08:29 AM

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“ *Rosemary was a dynamic person and an outstanding science teacher. She demanded and thus received excellent work and effort from her students and influenced many of her high school students to become scientists. She also had a great laugh and I enjoyed seeing her at the many VanRaaphorst holiday gatherings over the years. I like thinking of her reunited with Tony and resting in eternal glory. We will miss her.*
Carolyn Matzinger

Carolyn S. Matzinger - October 11, 2012 at 08:51 PM