



## Alice Schwass

April 2, 1929 - June 7, 2016

Alice Schwass aged 87 of Scottville, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday June 7, 2016 at her home from complications related to her illness, Myasthenia Gravis. She had required in home care this past year, and in the end also Hospice care. The family deeply appreciates the care provided by Shepard's Staff & Harbor Hospice.

Alice was born April 2, 1929, the daughter of Henrietta & Carl Peters and was raised in an area called Holy Corners in Caledonia, MI. Alice's young life was spent surrounded by many aunts, uncles and cousins. Her fondest memories were of Sunday family dinners at her Grandpa & Grandma Ruehs, and also playing sports and rolling skating with her many cousins.

Alice graduated from Caledonia HS in 1947 and started working at the Caledonia Farmers Elevator Co-op. She was also the 1949 Dairy Queen for Kent County. In 1948 she enrolled in the Home Economics short course at Michigan State College, this is where she met her beloved husband James. They were married in St. Paul Lutheran Church at Holy Corners in Caledonia on August 26, 1950, and have celebrated 65 years together. Alice then moved to Scottville with Jim to help run the family dairy farm. She was a homemaker, the bookkeeper for the farm, and on many days you would see her driving the tractor baling hay, or on the asparagus picker. Together Jim and Alice were the Outstanding Young Dairy Couple for the State of Michigan in 1957.

Alice was an outstanding cook, and loved gardening. She was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, where she sang in the choir and served on numerous committees' throughout the years. Her faith and her family were so important to Alice.

Alice will be lovingly remembered by her husband James and their five children: Lesa (Jim) Blaser of Minneapolis MN, Marcie (Arlen) McCloskey, Ronald (Constance) Schwass, William (Veronica) Schwass, all of Scottville, and Julie (Anthony) DeVecht of Grand Haven. She will also be greatly missed by her 14 grandchildren, Aaron Blaser, Ross McCloskey, Stacey (Tobias) Scouten, Trent (Shayna) and Riley McCloskey, Katherine, Lee (Molly), Lucas, and Makenna Schwass, Levi and Jocee Schwass, Aris and Hannah DeVecht; her 12 great-grandchildren Logan and Gabrielle McCloskey, Jonah, Isabelle, Isaiah, and Isaac Scouten, Teagan, Lexi, and Max McCloskey, Eliza, Conrad, and Hazel Schwass, along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Alice was preceded in death by her mother Henrietta Peters, brother Clyde Peters, and her Mother and Father-In-Law Carl & Dveka Schwass.

Funeral services will be held for Alice at 11:00 am on Tuesday, June 14 at Our Savior Lutheran Church with her pastor, Rev. James Schroeder officiating. Burial will take place at Center Riverton Cemetery. Friends may meet with her family for a time of visitation on Monday evening from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services – Stephens Funeral Home, and on Tuesday morning from 10:00 am until time of services at the church.

Those who wish to remember Alice with a memorial donation are asked to consider Our Savior Lutheran Church-Annual Mission Fund, Mayo Clinic-Myasthenia Gravis Research, or Harbor Hospice.



# Cemetery Details

## Center Riverton Cemetery

2200 West Hawley Road  
Ludington, MI 49431

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **13**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - Stephens Funeral Home  
305 E. State St.  
Scottville, MI 49454  
(231) 757-3333  
wyman-stephens@sbcglobal.net  
<https://www.wymanfuneralservice.com>

## Visitation

JUN **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
765 West US Highway 10  
Scottville, MI 49454

## Service

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JUN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

TW

“ *Condolences to family and friends of Alice Schwass.  
Terry Williams, Ludington, Michigan.*

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**Terry Williams** - July 19, 2016 at 04:51 PM

CE

“ *I will always remember our trip to Washington, D.C., hope Jim can remember when. We also went to West Shore together singing in the choir, many nice conversations going and coming. Such a sweet lady, heaven is Blessed to have her. Alice and Chuck have been in the hospital at the same time and we were all praying for each other. I am sure they are smiling together tonight. Praying for Peace for the family. Blessings, Charlotte*

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**Charlotte Eberbach** - June 13, 2016 at 03:35 PM

DB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Schwass family. Alice was such a sweet and beautiful woman inside and out. I know Mark has known the Schwass family for a long time. I got the honor of meeting and getting to know Alice during our time in choir. She always had a kind word and would make you feel so at ease. I always enjoyed our chats. We will miss your smiling face but I know we will see it again one day when we meet again in heavens choir. God's blessings and comfort to all who will miss this lovely lady.*

*Mark and Dawn Belke*

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**Dawn Belke** - June 11, 2016 at 07:29 AM

KS

“ I am so sorry for you loss.



Kay Septrion - June 11, 2016 at 03:37 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alice Schwass.



June 10, 2016 at 02:52 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. When you grow up in an area like this what the distance you still feel as if you are neighbors.  
Betty (Miller) Bauer

Betty Bauer - June 10, 2016 at 12:36 AM

LF

“ Whenever I would talk to your Mom I felt like she was truly listening to me. She had a gentle spirit about her, and a beautiful heart that was peaceful and loving. She truly was a blessing to so many. Please accept our sincere condolences to one amazing woman. Alice, may you rest in peace with our heavenly Father.



Bob and Lisa (DeVecht) Franklin

Lisa Franklin - June 09, 2016 at 10:38 PM

BB

“ *Marcy and Arlen: Our deepest sympathies regarding the passing of your Mom. She was a beautiful lady, always gracious, respectful, and polite, with a beautiful smile on her lovely face. There was never any question about the importance of her family. May she rest in peace now and know that her legacy of a loving, sharing, caring wonderful family will continue for so many years to come. Please know you will be in our thoughts and prayers as you celebrate her life and mourn in her passing. Our love to your entire family.*

*Bob and Bev (Billings) Budzynski*

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**Bev Budzynski** - June 09, 2016 at 02:53 PM

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*Mark and Dawn Belke*

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**dawn belke** - June 11, 2016 at 07:16 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alice Schwass.*



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June 09, 2016 at 11:04 AM

RP

“ Aunt Alice always made sure that her Grand Rapids Family was very much part of her Scottville Family (annual family reunion) 55 family members in 2015. Just writing this brings many memories and I know she will be missed by her Family, extended Family, and her Grand Rapids Family.  
We will miss you but know you are at Peace

*Bob Peters*

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**Robert Peters** - June 08, 2016 at 08:16 PM



*Julie, your mother was such an inspiration to me whenever I was with her. I sensed a peace about her that could only come from her deeply held love for Jesus and her fully living her Christian convictions, but always in such a quiet, peaceful way. she will truly be missed. I wish to offer my condolences for your loss. May she rest in peace.*

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**Carol DeVecht** - June 10, 2016 at 09:05 PM

SP

*I remember the first time I meet Alice. Scottville sent the first grade class to Riverton. Alice and I were room mothers. She welcomed us with open arms and gentle smile. The move for us was difficult but Alice made us feel welcome. Planning the parties for the children and other activities was fun. She always listened to our suggestions and we had a wonderful year. Thank You Alice for your kindness. Fly high with the Angles.*

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**Sue Petipren** - June 13, 2016 at 06:14 PM

PN

*I just found out about Alice's passing. I have such fond childhood memories of going to Alice and Jim's for a Saturday night visit. Loved hanging out with Lesa and Marcy. Alice was so sweet.....and kind. RIP Alice....my condolences to the family on your loss.*

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**Paula Schwass Newkirk** - June 15, 2016 at 08:00 PM