



## Violet Rose DeMeester

April 13, 1928 - July 21, 2023

Violet “Vi” Rose DeMeester age 95 of Ludington, former resident of Scottville passed away on Friday, July 21, 2023. Vi was born on April 3, 1928 in Grand Haven, MI the daughter of Hellis W. and Amalia “Molly” (Reisbig) Bargwell and married the love of her life, Raymond DeMeester on January 26, 1946 in Indianapolis, IN. Vi and Raymond celebrated 58 years by each other’s side until Raymond preceded her in death on February 13, 2004. Vi was also preceded in death by her son Steven Ray DeMeester; daughter Patricia Lee Trowbridge; her son-in-law Jeffery Anderson; granddaughter Katherine Rose Trowbridge; and her sisters Maude VanEtten, Emma Costello, Sarah Mulder, and Caroline Stiles.

Vi, alongside her husband Ray operated the Ludington Recreation Bowling Center for over 40 years in downtown Ludington and helped build Spartan Lanes in Scottville. Vi was a very active and loved member of the United Methodist Church of Ludington. At the church, if Vi saw a need she would organize a group and care for the issue. Her latest project was the flower fund of the church where she would bring fresh flowers to shut-ins and nursing homes around the area. In honor of her husband Ray’s fight with cancer, she became very involved with the Mason County Relay for Life events, raising thousands of dollars to help fight cancer.

Vi will be greatly missed by her son Alan (Suanne) DeMeester of Ludington;

her daughter Judy Anderson of Grand Rapids; her son-in-law Dr. Greg Trowbridge of Grand Rapids; her foreign exchange student daughter Ria (Willem) Kost-VonSonnen of the Netherlands; her beloved grandchildren Deanna (Rob) Seng of Webberville, Dawn Marie Champlin, Eric (Leslie) Anderson all of Grand Rapids, Travis (fiancée Marti Freyer) DeMeester of Los Angeles, CA, Dan (Casey) DeMeester of Kalamazoo, David (Valerie) Trowbridge, and Brian (Aria) Trowbridge all of Grand Rapids; her great-grandchildren Abigail and Andrew Seng, Lora and Sarlinna Champlin, Sylvia, Veda, Guinevere, and Havelock Trowbridge, and Logan DeMeester; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held for Vi at 1:00 pm on Thursday, July 27 at the United Methodist Church of Ludington. Burial will take place at Lakeview Cemetery in Ludington. Friends may meet with her family during a time of visitation on Wednesday evening from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services in Scottville, and on Thursday from 12:00 noon until time of services at the church. Those who wish to remember Vi with a memorial donation are asked to please consider the Flower fund at United Methodist Church of Ludington. In honor of Vi's love of flowers, everyone is asked to bring some flowers to the service to surround her with love and then celebrate her memory by taking them after the service to give to a friend.

Her family would like to give special thanks to "Vi's team" - her caregivers and close friends Margaret Berry, Donna Possein, Cindy Aleman, Sally Taranko, and Dr. Greg Trowbridge for everything they did to support her.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakeview Cemetery

800 N. Lakeshore Drive  
Ludington, MI 49431

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **26.** 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

JUL **27.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

United Methodist Church of Ludington  
5810 Bryant Road  
Ludington, MI 49431

## Funeral Ceremony

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JUL 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

United Methodist Church of Ludington  
5810 Bryant Road  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Violet Rose DeMeester



Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - July 25, 2023 at 09:15 PM

MS

*Such a wonderful memories of a wonderful lady.*

MC van Sonnen - July 30, 2023 at 03:46 PM

DB

*I got to know Vi and Ray in the 1970's as a bowler and friend of Bill Witters. I even helped move the pool tables into bowling alley. What sweet people both Ray and Vi were and always had time to let you chat with them.*

Dave Buffenbarger - August 02, 2023 at 05:59 PM

TI

“ *I met Vi when I worked at her home. Vi was a beautiful, sweet, and very loving woman I always enjoyed seeing her smile in the hallway and her calling me dimples. She always asked me how my kids were when I was there for testing 2x wk. She always made sure she was smiling and always made my day better with her smile. I was so saddened to have read about her passing she will be missed and loved by many. hugs and prayers 🙏 to her family, with ❤️ Tisha*

Tisha - August 17, 2023 at 11:40 AM

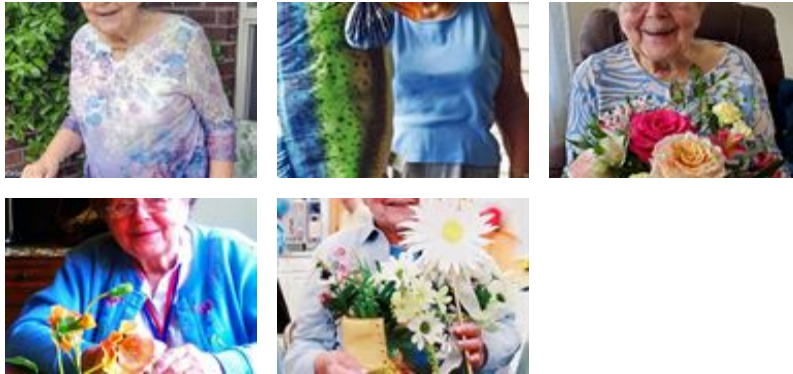
EE

“ My dad was the pastor at the Methodist Church in Ludington for some years and he introduced me to many parishioners.... Vi was by far my FAVORITE! I was sad to hear she passed but I know she is rejoicing in Heaven with her Heavenly Father and reunited with Ray! ❤️❤️❤️ She was a bright light, shining bright for Jesus!! Praying for VI's family! Elizabeth Evans

Elizabeth Evans - August 02, 2023 at 08:34 PM



“ 30 files added to the album LifeTributes

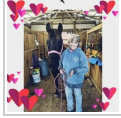


Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - July 25, 2023 at 09:16 PM

Amy Reynolds

“ My mom worked with Vi at Ludington Rec. for a long time. We as kids grew up there with Ray and Vi, always had smiles on their faces. Always asked if she saw any concerns on our faces and she was not afraid to tell you like it is :). Lots of memories with the DeMeesters. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families. Such a beautiful woman. Rest in peace Vi  
Amy Reynolds

Amy Reynolds - July 25, 2023 at 02:57 PM



*I grew up at Ludington Rec, bowling since I was in 3rd grade, Vi and Ray both were a huge part of my life growing up. Always a smile on her face and always time to chat. And of course always time to help coach if I was having trouble! She always remembered me even 50 years later. I will miss her along with with our community she was a very loved kind lady. My thoughts and prayers for her family. Wendy Zacharda-Johnson*

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**Wendy Zacharda-Johnson** - July 26, 2023 at 07:08 AM

TE

*“ Vi was a great servant of her Lord. She was a fun person and I enjoyed going with her on her Monday flower runs to the shut-ins. She was the perfect welcomer on Sunday mornings. She really missed Ray. Pastor Tom*

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**Tom J Evans** - July 25, 2023 at 12:11 AM

TL

*“ Vi will be so missed. She was always a wonderful, welcoming smile and a hug at the united Methodist church, and she gave us such great hugs.. We'll always think of her for her compassion and her honest love for others. She was so kind to our family. Especially our daughter Nicole. Prayers to her whole family, what a wonderful blessing you have!*

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**Terri & Henry Langerak** - July 24, 2023 at 01:48 PM

ML

*“ VI ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HER FACE. I'M SO GLAD I GOT TO KNOW HER. SHE WILL BE MISSED.*

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**MELISSA LARSON** - July 24, 2023 at 11:42 AM

MS

“ 2 files added to the album Van Sonnen Family



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MC van Sonnen - July 24, 2023 at 08:13 AM

MS

“ 50 years ago in 1973 her daughter Patricia came to the Netherlands to stay at our house as a foreign exchange student. Since then there was a special bond to our families. Mom DeMeester was the most loving and caring American Mom and grandma anyone ever could have. In so many years we had a lot of trips to Ludington, Scotville and Grand Rapids. We always were welcome in their hearts and in their house. We'll remember the good times with the bowling, the roses, garden, travels and so many other things. The big smile on the picture shows how she was and we loved her dearly. She wil be missed so much, but I know she is with Dad and her loved ones now again. Sending lots of love, Ria, Willem, Johan, Melissa and the rest of the Dutch family.

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MC van Sonnen - July 24, 2023 at 08:07 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Violet Rose DeMeester.



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July 24, 2023 at 07:02 AM

CA

“ I used to work at the Scottville Library from 2010-2014 and one day, I had the pleasure of finally meeting Vi after several phone calls spread out about different books on reserve for her. Every time I called and she answered, she almost always asked if it was me calling. Whenever I said that it was me, you could hear the smile in her voice, which made me smile. She also knew my grandma Virginia Soberalski from bowling. I haven't seen her since I stopped working at the library, but I always wondered about her. I will most definitely miss her tons.



Chelsea Adams - July 24, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ I have known Vi all my life. Such a wonderful caring giving sharing person.  
Always bustling around to do something, to help someone.  
A hug. A smile.  
May you rest in peace faithful servant.  
You will be missed.

Rogene and Rich Lathouwers - July 22, 2023 at 02:26 PM

TM

Mrs Demeester was such a loving person I got to know through the Methodist Church in Ludington- she's in Heaven for sure ❤️🙏❤️

tina (johnson) Meade - July 25, 2023 at 06:44 PM

GT

This dear lady was my mother-in-law. I married her daughter Pat in 1976. Pat died in 2020. I am so sorry that Vi had to see three of her children, and her husband, pass away before she did. Vi was so strong, and comforting to me and those around her. I so loved being part of her family.

Greg Trowbridge, 24 February 2024

Gregory Trowbridge - February 24, 2024 at 05:25 PM