



## Verladyne DeLoof

April 13, 1924 - September 26, 2020

Verladyne DeLoof, 96, of Sioux Falls, SD, died Saturday, September 26, 2020 at the Avera Prince of Peace Nursing Home, Sioux Falls, SD.

Verladyne Naomia Saunders was born on April 13, 1924, the daughter of William and Barbara (Boyes) Saunders, at Schoolcraft, MI. She grew up and attended school in this area, graduating from Mattawan High School. She went on to attend Western Michigan University and then graduated from Hope College with a degree in education. Verladyne taught kindergarten for several years.

On August 16, 1950 she was united in marriage to Gerard DeLoof at the Calvary Reformed Church, Texas Corners, MI. The couple worked side by side in ministry at churches in Casnovia, MI, St. Petersburg, FL, Portage, MI, Ellsworth, MN and at Second Reformed, Delaware Reformed, Monroe Reformed and Chancellor Reformed in South Dakota. Husband, Gerard "Jerry" died on September 19, 2017.

Verladyne was a member of the Chancellor Reformed Church. She had a well utilized gift of hospitality. She enjoyed gardening, ceramics, cooking, baking, sewing and needlework. She had crocheted many afghans for her children and grandchildren. Verladyne was a sports enthusiast who was a devoted Detroit Tigers baseball fan and a fan of various football teams. Most of all, Verladyne was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who deeply loved her Lord.

Besides her husband Gerard, Verladyne was preceded in death by her

parents, all 11 of her siblings and two great-grandchildren.

Grateful for having shared her life are her children: Tim (Sandy) DeLoof, Sioux Falls, Marilyn (Steve) Ward, Captiva, FL, Don DeLoof, Sioux Falls and Steve (Mary) DeLoof, Brandon; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Due to health concerns, private family services will be held and can be viewed online at the Chancellor Reformed Church website following the services, with burial in the Lennox Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Chancellor Reformed Mission Fund or Words of Hope.

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ *My Deepest Sympathy to my DeLoof cousins on the passing of your dear mother, Verladyne. I remember the times our families spent together when you lived in Michigan and Florida as happy celebrations of the De Loof heritage. Your Mom was a great hostess, and I still use some of her recipes with my own family. We will be keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers as you mourn her passing. Sending our love, Dave and Judy DeWitte*

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**Judy DeWitte** - October 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ *My condolences to my cousins on the loss of this wonderful aunt. I have fond memories of visits to her home either in Michigan or Florida. Aunt Verladyne always had baked goods in the freezer and when providing a meal it seem as though it magically appeared. I believe that Uncle Jerry's role was to keep the guests occupied while she worked her magic in the kitchen. She encouraged me to keep the family history and to pursue the genealogy.*

*Aunt Verladyne was the last of her generation but leaves a legacy in her immediate family and her wide spread Saunder's family.*

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**Bonnie** - October 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *Dear family of Verla - I just read on that your dear Mother passed away, I have been thinking of her often and wondered how she was doing. She has been in my prayers often and I do miss visiting with her. She was always such an encouraging person and a dear friend to me. I miss her and I am sure you do too. Praying for you! Eleanor De Boer*

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**Eleanor De Boer** - October 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *Dear DeLoof Family  
Our sincere sympathy in the passing of your Mom,/Grandma. No doubt she will be greatly missed but resting in the arms of Jesus is every believer’s eternal home. May you find comfort thru God’s grace and mercy.  
We know your sadness as we lost both Den’s parents recently and will be having a memorial for them Oct. 7.  
In His Love  
Den and Shirlee Gernaat*

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**Shirlee Gernaat** - October 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I'm sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. May you find comfort in knowing others care and share your sorrow.*

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**Debra Petersen (Minkel)** - October 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Our deepest sympathies in the loss of your mother and grandmother. Verladyne's love for her Lord was so obvious. She blessed Peggy over and over as she served at Chancellor Reformed Church.*

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**Craig & Peggy Hoogestraat** - September 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ To my dear friend, Verladyne -  
I know you are now in the arms of Jesus.  
Meeting all your loved ones, siblings, and  
your beloved husband, Jerry. Until we meet  
again...



All my sympathies to the Deloof family,  
Clara

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**Clara cschnyers** - September 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Remembering both Verladyne and Gerard and their lives of Christian  
witness and ministry. This is our great joy to see how our alumni  
have impacted the world for Jesus, in this case for almost 70 years!!

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**Rick Capotosto** - September 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Our sympathy to all of you on Verladyne's  
passing. She was a wonderful lady that  
contributed so much to our church. We are  
thankful for her life of service to Jesus.



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**Doreen Weeldreyer** - September 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Verladyne was always a cheerful and caring lady that always made  
a point to say "Hello" at church. She was someone whose light  
shown on everyone around her.

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**Kristen** - September 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *Verladyne was a very special person. She has always been very special. Even tho far apart she was close in thought. Prayers for the family.*

Pat henry - September 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *So Sorry for your loss of a truly beautiful lady who truly loved the Lord and showed us his goodness through her. We were honored to have grown up with them in the church!*



Dale & Deb Bultena - September 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *She was a very special aunt. Many good memories of growing up with her. She always traveled in the lords path*

Patricia Henry - September 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *She was a most lovely lady, an ardent Jesus follower, a prayer warrior, a lover of life, her husband, family and God's creation (gardening) and in His given gifts of creativity (sewing, crocheting, etc). Privileged to have journeyed with her in this last chapter of her life -- and blessed by her children and extended family. Deep condolences from the Chancellor Reformed Church family.*

Pastor Marc de Waard - September 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Aunt Verladyneâ€™s kids, and their families.*

Laura (Saunders) Crosby - September 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM