



Natalie Bruinsma

September 3, 1932 - December 25, 2017

Natalie Anne Buhl Bruinsma, of Charlotte, formerly of Lansing, passed away on December 25, 2017. She was born September 3, 1932 to Ray and Leone (Decker) Buhl in Lansing. She was happily married to Robert Wayne Bruinsma for 52 years. Natalie lived life as a loving wife, devoted mother and extremely proud "Nana." She was the ultimate example of how to live a Christian life. Natalie was well loved by many people and always gave from her heart. The couple were very active at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lansing for 50 years, as well as Peace Lutheran Church in Charlotte, her loving church home for the last 10 years.

She was an administrative secretary at MSU and also the Ingham County Medical Care Facility, where she retired. She and Bob loved to travel with special trips to New York City, Hawaii, 1988 Rose Bowl and they also enjoyed many winters in Destin, Florida. Natalie received pleasure from her many family dogs over the years. Her greatest joy in life was spending time with loved ones and especially found great pride and happiness in caring for her only grandchild, Sam.

She is survived by her son and his wife, Robert (Patti) Bruinsma; and grandson, Sam, of Charlotte. Also surviving are special niece and nephews, Ray (Sandy) Buhl, Kathy (David) Kreiger and David (Jeanne) Buhl and special caregiver and friend, Brenda Morris. She was preceded in death by her

husband, Bob; brother, David, and his wife, Jean; and her parents.

Visitation is Friday, December 29, 2-4:00 PM and 6-8:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Funeral services are Saturday, December 30 at Peace Lutheran Church at 11:00 AM with Pastor David Keller officiating, with visitation 1 hour prior to the service. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Natalie on her Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

4444 West Grand River Avenue
Lansing, MI 48906

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 29. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Visitation

DEC 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Ceremony

DEC 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Peace Lutheran Church
830 North Cochran Avenue
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Natalie Bruinsma*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 28, 2017 at 12:57 PM

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“ *I met Bob and Natalie when I began attending Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lansing. They were both such sweet and caring people. They treated each other with respect and love, truly the ideal couple. I remember visiting Natalie in Charlotte after Bob's passing and the Christmas cards she always sent. I also remember her always talking about her little grandson with such happiness and pride. I miss both Bob and Natalie very much. Sending prayers and good thoughts up for the family.*



Mary Burlison - January 09, 2018 at 10:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Natalie Bruinsma.*



December 29, 2017 at 10:29 AM



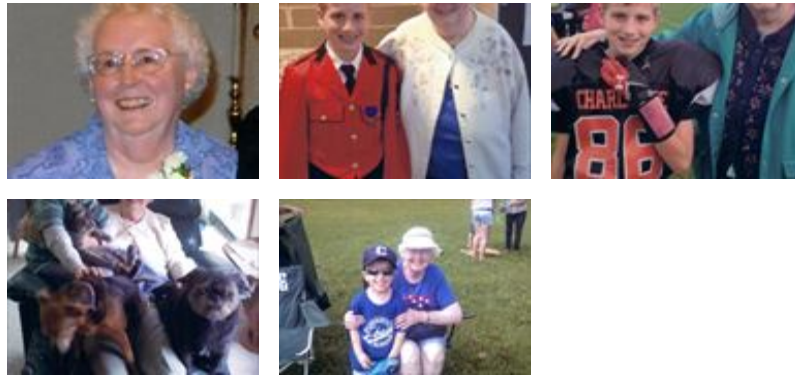
“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Natalie Bruinsma.*



December 28, 2017 at 07:51 PM



“ *30 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 28, 2017 at 11:53 AM



“ *We always looked forward to Sam and Natalie bring us her amazing sugar cookies at Christmas, such a sweet person.*

Kathleen Hubbard - December 27, 2017 at 10:33 AM