



Vergeleen Eleanor Wells

May 21, 2012

Vergeleen Eleanor (Frey) Wells, 74, of Olivet passed away suddenly at home on May 21, 2012. She was born October 28, 1937 to Leo F. and Eleanor R. (Miller) Frey and mostly grew up in the Banfield, MI area. She attended Banfield School, a one-room country school until going to Hastings in the eighth grade. She graduated from Hastings High School in 1955 and then attended and graduated from Western Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. Vergeleen worked for Bellevue Community Schools, mostly as a fifth grade teacher, for 32 years, and spent that last 3 years of her career as the principal of Bellevue Middle School, retiring in June 1998. She resided in the Bellevue area for 27 years. On June 29, 1985, Vergeleen married the love of her life, Douglas H. Wells, and moved to Olivet. She was a member of the Baseline United Methodist Church, the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel, the Eaton County Association of Retired School Personnel, the Kalamazoo Corvette Club, the National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc., and was elected to the Board of Directors of the United Educational Credit Union in 1994. She loved to read, bake and travel. She collected Goebel Hummels, teddy bears, angels and antique pie birds. Vergeleen was a very caring person. She lived by the Bible motto "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." The most important thing in Vergeleen's life was her family. Vergeleen is survived by her loving husband, Doug; her son James (Jeanne Kader) Leonard of Nashville, MI; daughter Cindy (David) Creamer of Richland, MI; grandsons Brett (Mika) Leonard of

Nashville, Britt Leonard of Nashville, David Staley Creamer IV of Kalamazoo, Colin Creamer and Lance Creamer, both of Richland. She will be missed by her brothers Norman (Mary Anne Adams) Frey of Kewadin, MI and Marvin (Cheryl Leonard) Frey of Hastings; and sister Kathryn (Craig) Leppink of Holland, MI; 7 uncles, 1 aunt, numerous cousins, 2 nephews, 4 nieces, and 15 great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, step mother Dorothy Cain Frey, and father-in-law Thorald J. Wells. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the Baseline United Methodist Church in Battle Creek, Michigan with Pastor Peggy Baker officiating. The family will receive visitors on Wednesday, May 23 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. If desired, memorial contributions in Vergeleen's memory may be made to Baseline United Methodist Church or the Kellogg Community College Leo F. and Eleanor R. Frey Scholarship Fund. Online condolence may be left at www.prayfuneral.com. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Vergeleen Eleanor Wells*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ *Just wanted to let you and yours were thinking about you Doug and family*

Wiers family - June 05, 2013 at 12:21 PM

MM

“ *Mr. Wells, I wanted you to know I think of you and Mrs. Wells often. I consider myself blessed to have been both of your students. You have both touched my life and helped shape me into the person I am today. For that I am so very grateful. I pray that you find the Peace and Grace of God in this difficult time.*

Maria (Robinson) Morrison - May 15, 2013 at 01:00 PM

DM

“ *May you still cherish your precious memories of this wonderful woman. Thinking of you and the family. Deb and Nick*

Deb and Nick Mathews - May 14, 2013 at 09:05 AM

SM

“ Mr. Wells, and family, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Mrs. Wells was such a kind lady with a smile that lit up the world. I'm thankful to have known her and been taught by her. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. With deepest sympathy, Stacey (Reynolds) Maresh

Stacey (Reynolds) Maresh - May 28, 2012 at 01:31 PM

CB

“ Doug, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I think I saw her driving a red corvette across the sky today.

Chuck Brandon - May 26, 2012 at 01:29 PM

CA

“ Praying for the comfort of those Vergeleen leaves behind. What a beautiful lady - inside and out. I feel privileged to have known her. Love & Hugs, Carol

Carol Hewitt Frey Allore - May 25, 2012 at 07:57 AM

MA

“ I did not know Vergeleen personally, however I knew her mother as she was my 4th and 7th grade teacher at the Briggs school on Lacy Rd...she was a huge influence on me..Her and as I remember, a sister did an amazing job of teaching...Mrs Frey was left handed I recall and she taught me how to survive in a right handed world....I remember playing ball and going to a game at another school and riding in the back of a very pitch black milk can hauler...I was scared of the dark so it was not a happy ride..hehe..I just wanted to share this story about a remarkable lady who I never forgot and I can only imagine how likable her daughter was.....

Marilyn(Miner)Butcher - May 24, 2012 at 01:49 PM

LP

“ Doug and family, Verg was such a special lady, not only was she my 5th grade teacher, but a co-worker too. We always talked when she came into the card shop and she still remembered me. I will miss her terribly as I know you all will, she was a special and remarkable woman.

Lucy Potter - May 23, 2012 at 11:46 PM

NG

“ My deepest condolences Cindy on the passing of your mother, my prayers go out to the whole family, may God's comfort be with you all

norman graham - May 23, 2012 at 08:18 PM

DC

“ I am so sorry to learn about the death of your mother/grandmother. She was a kind and tolerant woman to continue to show up at Creamer functions! You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Debbie Creamer - May 23, 2012 at 05:43 PM

AB

“ Vergeleen: one of the kindest people I've ever had the privilege of knowing. Doug, I'll always be grateful for the loving home you both gave Sammy. I'm praying for your comfort and peace and that of your whole family as you feel the loss of someone so special.

Alana (Timmons) Berthold - May 23, 2012 at 04:41 PM

M(

“ I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Mrs Wells was a wonderful person and an amazing teacher. She had a special quality that allowed her to bring out the best in the people around her. I will always remember her with fondness and gratitude.

Maria Morrison (Robinson) - May 23, 2012 at 03:45 PM

TP

“ Those who have given of themselves to others will live forever in every single heart they have touched. Sharing in your sorrow at the loss of someone so special. Jon, Nellie, Jason, Laurie, Mike & Alaina

The Pfister's - May 23, 2012 at 03:39 PM

SK

“ So sorry to hear of her passing. Prayers to you and your family during this difficult time.

Stacy (McClelland) Kilburn - May 23, 2012 at 02:13 PM

DK

“ Nancy and I were so sorry to hear of Vergeleen's death. We will keep the whole family in our prayers, but special thoughts and prayers for Doug.

Darwin and Nancy Kuhl - May 23, 2012 at 11:48 AM

SV

“ Some great memories of my time with Mr. and Mrs. Wells. Thank you for these memories. My thoughts are with you during this time.

Shannon Rugg Visger - May 23, 2012 at 10:29 AM

BD

“ Mr Wells, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. I have some very fond memories of both of you as my teachers. May God comfort and keep you during this time.

Becky (Colter) DeSonia - May 23, 2012 at 09:41 AM

TK

“ Mr. Wells and Family, my condolences are with you. When I think about my school days there are many joyous memories of Mrs. Wells and you. It's those kind of memories that will get you through this hard time. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love, Tricia Koyl

Tricia Koyl - May 23, 2012 at 09:26 AM

AG

“ Doug, Cindy, Jim, and family; It's hard to believe she's gone... Praise God she is enjoying eternity with Jesus, although I know that doesn't mean you will miss her any less. My prayers are with you for peace and happy memories.

Abby Green - May 23, 2012 at 08:30 AM

AG

“ I first knew Vergeleen as my 5th grade teacher, and as my friend Cindy's mom. I remember how much she enjoyed being around us. It has been a blessing knowing her as an adult at church, her faith and positive outlook made her one of my role models, still today. Even when she wasn't physically able to join in, she sent birthday cards to all the kids, and every chance she could she was at the registration table or in the kitchen at events. She will be missed!

Abby (Wing) Green - May 23, 2012 at 08:19 AM

RW

“ Doug and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time, Verg will be missed by all who knew her.

Rhea Wilkes - May 23, 2012 at 01:15 AM

CW

“ Doug and Family, So sorry for your loss, just know that a guardian angel will be watching over all of you.

Chris and Linda Wilkes - May 23, 2012 at 01:00 AM

SW

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Some of the best memories from school could be found in both her class and yours, Mr. Wells. May your heart find peace during this time of sadness. You are in our thoughts and prayers! Much Love, Michael, Shawna, Logan, Angelina and Carys Wigginton

Shawna (Hamel) Wigginton - May 22, 2012 at 09:46 PM

TR

“ Dearest Doug and family.....We are so sorry for the loss of your loved one Vergeleen. She was truly loved by her church family too. We will miss her. May God's peace be with you and may He provide you strength to get through this painfull time. God loves you and so do we!

Tom & Ruth Rugg - May 22, 2012 at 08:50 PM

CB

“ Vergeleen was a incredible influence on my life and I am grateful. There are so many splendid events and memories including some adventurous international travel. The detail I have recalled often over the years was the way she always kissed Cindy good night, cheek, cheek, forehead, forehead. Thank you for those years.

Cheryl Crocker Butkus - May 22, 2012 at 08:09 PM

NF

“ gone but never forgotten rest in peace, so very sorry for your loss doug please contact us if u need anything, you were always there for us in times of need and so are we for you. Nancy, Mike, Mark

Nancy, Mike, Mark, Wiers and family - May 22, 2012 at 06:32 PM

MD

“ Our love and sympathy goes out to you all. We enjoyed her company at the Creamer gatherings she was brave enough to come to. I once suggested to her that she bring a pair of earplugs to drowned out all the noise! Please take some comfort in knowing that our thoughts and prayers are with you. "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Mark, Bambi, Bailey & Dust - May 22, 2012 at 12:42 PM

HK

“ Our deepest sympathy to you and your family for the loss of your Mother.

Heidi & Marty Kloosterman - May 22, 2012 at 10:35 AM

DM

“ We are very saddened by this news and the loss you are enduring. We send our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to the family. Vergeleen will be missed. She was a true and genuine woman who gave her love to all she met. She touched many lifes. Gods blessing I pray for your healing.

Debra and Nick Mathews - May 22, 2012 at 10:33 AM

MS

“ Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. May God bless all of yo and keep you well. May His love guide you through this difficult time. We wish you well.

Mark and Susie Savio - May 22, 2012 at 09:11 AM

MG

“ To the family; Our deepest sympathies go out to each of you in this time of loss. We hope you will each take comfort in the memories you have of Vergeleen and the love you shared as a family.

Mike & Jodi Gwizdz - May 21, 2012 at 11:01 PM

DB

“ Mr. Wells, Am so sorry for your loss. She was such a great person and great teacher. Have always enjoyed seeing the two of you together. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Deanna Barnum (Merren)

Deanna Barnum - May 21, 2012 at 10:52 PM