



Estelle Carmel de Bear

July 16, 1930 - November 4, 2012

de Bear, Estelle C., Nov 4, 2012 age 82 of Plymouth. Best friend and loving wife of Richard. The best and cherished mother of Richard (Wendy), Diana (Ralph) Fortson, Patricia (Mark Talkington) de Bear, Robert (Jane) de Bear, Christopher (Cathy) and Nancy (Gerald) Naski. Proud grandma of Michael, Matthew, Melanie, Christopher, Adam, Kevin, Brett, Ashley, Kristen, Emily, Nick, Alex, Julie. And Great Grandma of McKayla. Dear sister of Joseph Grandon. Visitation Wed 5-9 and Thurs 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. In state Fri 10 AM until the 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial Rd, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross in memory of Estelle C. de Bear by clicking on the link below. Interment at Riverside Cemetery. To share a memory, please click on the View and Send Condolences tab on this web page. American Red Cross

Tribute Wall



“ *Estelle Carmel de Bear*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Dear de Bear, I am so sorry for you loss, Estelle was my second mom during my middleschool years. I had so many great memories of your beautiful family, the OLGC pew of redheads, our trip to California and countless sleep overs. She will be missed,my prayers are with you. Love Jill*

Jill McCann Lazarus - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM



“ *Im truly sorry to hear about your lost. Estelle will definitely be missed by so many. One thing that helps me deal or cope with losing a loved one is the scripture John 5:28,29. It states, " Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life....." Soon we will be able to see Estelle again because God (Jehovah) promises a resurrection hope. I hope this gives some comfort.*

Lawrence - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

MB

“ *Sincere Sympathy goes to the DeBear Family and Friends. Estelle will truly be missed. This scripture helps me to cope at: (Isaiah 25:8) Says: "He will actually swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord JEHOVAH will certainly wipe the tears from all faces. And the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for JEHOVAH himself has spoken it. May you find comfort in these inspired words. Thank, You*

Mrs. Brannon - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

MB

“ *Dear Dick, Chris, Rich and all of the de Bear family, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts are with you.*

*With warm regards,
Mark*

Mark Berg - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

SC

“ *Dear de Bear Family,*

We are so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of walking over for a visit, always welcomed with a warm smile from Mrs. de Bear. We had a lovely chat two years ago at Christmastime, and I was so blessed by her. She is the kind of woman that makes you feel encouraged and refreshed just being around her. Your entire family remains in my (and our family's) prayers. Much love and peace to you and yours.

Sarah (Chester) Chiaravalli - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

HZ

“ *Dick-It is always sad when I see the name of an old friend in the obituaries. I am so sad to hear of Estelle's passing. Although it has been several years since our last contact I have good memories of our relationship. Susan and I give our best to you and your family especially my old point guard Bobby. Take care. Harvey*

Harvey Ziel - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

SG

“ *Wow, when I read all of these I am acutely aware that I am among a very large group of people so profoundly touched by the love and inspiration doled out by Dick and Estelle de Bear. Dick is and always will be "the greatest man I ever knew" because he taught me to believe in me, simply because he did and I am so aware that Dick is the person that he is because he was so incredibly blessed by the love and support of an awesome woman. My heart goes out to the entire de Bear family but most especially to you Dick because you have lost your shining light but please know that Estelle's strength and her love are always with you in everything you do and everything you are. I know that she would want you to continue to carry the torch and keep that wonderful family of yours strong because she is a lasting loving part of all of you and death will never take that away. My thoughts and prayers are with you!*

Sandy Groth - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

IH

“ *To Patti de Bear and family, my prayers and thoughts are with you.*

Iris Holland - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

MB

“ *Estelle was the epitome of grace and class. We are better people for having known her. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dick and the entire deBear family.*

Matt & Heidi Baughman - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

DB

“ *When we are young we are not only raised by our parents, but also the parents of our best friends. I will always be grateful to Estelle and Dick deBear for sharing there warmth and love with me.*

Dick Bradburn - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

EA

“ *Patti and extended family-I'm so sorry to hear this news. I know she was an amazing person and will be missed. You're in my thoughts and prayers!*

Eileen Andreassi - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

TR

“ *Bobby "d", Jane and family please accept our earnest condolence in the passing of your mom. We pray that in some way you all experience a great measure a peace as you navigate through your time of bereavment. Tony, Toni, Tonio, Kelsi, Kacy and Chad*

Tony Robinson - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

SF

“ *It was such a joy to have meet your Mother! She treated my Chelsea like she was her granddaughter. I am so sorry for your loss. She surely will be missed! I love your guys!*

Sonya Reeves (Davis Family) - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

RD

“ Dearest deBear family, Wow what a beautiful Large family. Lots of loving arms to hug and hold. Your loss is a great tradegy but Estelle has left you with a great gift... FAMILY. You are all in our prayers. Love Linda and Ron

Ron & Linda Daul - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

MT

“ My condolences to the deBear family. I had such wonderful childhood memories of Mrs. deBear. She was a great lady! Miss you all. Mark & Debbie Tschirhart

Mark Tschirhart - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

JS

“ Dear Mr. de Bear and family, I'm very sorry for your loss and have you in my prayers. I extend my sympathies to you and your family.

Jim Slager - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

JF

“ Dear Family of Estelle. With Deepest Sympathy in the loss of your Love One. May her Bright Star always shine up on you, with God's Love.

James P. Tschirhart & Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

EC

“ Dick I am so very very sad for the loss of Estelle. She was a cherished friend. I have such happy memories of our wonderful times together going way back to conventions and continuing through the years as we celebrated the graduation of your grandchildren. My heart goes out to you in the days ahead, Dick, but may your memories of a full and happy life together sustain you.

Eleanor Chapin - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

AT

“ I was very saddened to learn of Estelles passing. She was a wonderful person and I extend my deepest sympathies to all of the family

Al Treiber - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

KS

“ Dear Chris and family,
I am very sorry for the loss of your mother. My thoughts are with you and your family. May you find peace in the wonderful memories of your mother. With deepest sympathy.

Kristin Shelley - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

BL

“ Dear de Bear Family,

I am truly sorry for the loss of this wonderful lady.
My heart goes out to each & every one of you during this difficult time.
You are all in my thoughts & prayers.

Brandy Lewis

Brandy Lewis - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

JF

“ Diane,
Our heart and prayers go out to you and your family. It's truly a tragedy to loose someone you love, but hopefully you can take some comfort in the fact you are loved in return.

Jim and Sally Ford - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

PG

“ Dear Dick and Chris and Family - The entire staff of the Brandon Library offers you its heartfelt sympathy. Condolences go out to your entire family at this difficult time. God blessed you with a great lady in your lives!

Paula Gauthier - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

EW

“ I was so saddened to hear of Mrs. DeBear's passing. In my mind she is still 50 years old, driving Nancy and I here and there, sitting in the stands watching basketball and throwing great sports parties at the house. I spent much of my childhood at the DeBear house and relish all the memories. Although I have not seen Mrs. DeBear in many years she holds a special place in my heart. I will miss her.

Erin Moore Wiley - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

TH

“ Brett and family - We are very sorry for the loss of your grandma, please know that you are in our thoughts and your entire family is in our prayers. God's Blessings upon you all.

The Giaier's - Jeri, Abbi and Hannah - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

SG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. de Bear was warm, kind, caring and always smiling. She was a joy to talk to. I will miss her at the family gatherings. Love, Sharon

Sharon Goodman - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

BM

“ Dearest Dick, Diane, Ralph, Chris & entire family ~ Our love & prayers are with you. We know loss packs a powerful punch...who can bear it? May you sense our Lord's amazing grace in extra measure. Love to all.

Bill and Collette McBratney - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

PF

“ My condolences go out to the DeBear family during this difficult time. The news I am sure hit all in the Moore clan with the same impact it had on me after talking with my Mom. Mrs. DeBear had that blessed and rare quality of always smiling and conveying a positive attitude no matter what hectic activities were swirling around about her. We all remember the wonderful sports related gatherings at the DeBears and I know how much my folks have treasured the friendship of Dick and Estelle over the years. Our thoughts are with you.

Patrick Moore and Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

BG

“ Dick (& family),
I am so terribly sorry to hear of Estelle's passing. What a class act! What a great sense of humor! I still remember well the dinner we had at Joe's Stone Crab before you & Estelle boarded the plane for a trek to somewhere exotic (Patagonia? Chile?) Anyway, it was winter in South America and you two were dressed for your destination, NOT for the balmy breezes of Miami Beach! My thoughts & prayers are with you. You have my deepest sympathy.

Bob Grant - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

CP

“ So saddened to hear of Estelle's passing....such a lovely lady.
Sincere sympathy to all the family she loved so much...

Chuck & Mary Ploughman - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

SA

“ Dear Dick,
You probably don't remember me---I was the Asst. Director of the
Troy PL and I was pleased to purchase our furniture from you. I was
so sorry to hear about your loss. All I can tell you is that when I say I
know what you're going through, I really mean it. My beloved
husband died a year and 4 months ago. We had 63 years together. I
wish I could say and mean all the platitudes I got from so many
people. I can only say that there are family and close friends that
will always support you, but no one takes the place of your mate.
Believe me when I say I feel for you. You have my deepest
sympathy,

ou; I grieve with you

Sandra Arden - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

JR

“ deBear family. My family and I will all miss Aunt Estelle so much!
She has been such a wonderful person in our lives: kind, generous,
funny, intelligent, warm, and supportive in every way ... just a
wonderful presence. I will always think of her with the highest
regard, and I know that she lives on in the funny and amazing, large
and still growing deBear clan. My thoughts and wishes go out to all
of you in this hard time. May the memory of Aunt Estelles's love and
kindness take some of the edge off of the grief I'm sure you all are
feeling. Love from myself and all of the Santa Fe Rappaports.

Josh Rappaport - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

RL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Robin Hendrick Lane - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

BB

“ *Dick and Family, we were shocked and saddened to hear of Estelle's passing. There are no words to describe the sorrow you must be feeling. She was loved by all that knew her and will be sorely missed. Let there be comfort in knowing that she has touched the hearts of so many. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you during this difficult time.*

Bob And Rosey Boardman - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

JS

“ *deBear Family, so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers to all of you at this difficult time. Laura and Jamie Stuursma.*

Jamie Stuursma - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

JG

“ *"The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." Deut. 31:8*

Our heartfelt condolences... John & Susan

John and Susan Ganio - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

AR

“ *Ralph, Diane, and Christopher, We were shocked to hear of your loss. She was a special lady who had a very well-lived life. We're keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Ann. Tpm. Sara, and Rachel Rees - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

EG

“ Please accept the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of the staff of the Blair Memorial Library, Clawson. We are so very sorry for your loss.

Elizabeth Gulick - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

FD

“ So sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this difficult time.

Fortson Dental - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

KL

“ Sincere condolences to the De Bear Family, thoughts and prayer are with you.

Kay Hurd-Almont District Library - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

PC

“ Cathy, Chris, Emily, Ashley , and Kristen.... Just wanted to let you know that Dan's and my thoughts are with you. I agree with Pat McKendry. It is very hard to lose a parent. You all are a very loving family and in time things will be better and you will be able to reflect on all those great family memories. May God wrap his hands around your entire family.

Patti and Dan Coker - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

AG

“ Sincere condolences from the Staff and Board at the Eau Claire District Library. We are sorry for your loss.

Ann Greene - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

DF

“ *Bob/Jane, the entire de Bear family, my heart goes out to all of you for your loss and my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Dave Fisher - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

LH

“ *My deepest sympathies for your loss. Thinking of your family and sending heartfelt condolences in this difficult time.*

Lisa Hoenig - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

VE

“ *Dear Diane, Ralph and the de Bear family, Terry and I are so sorry, I know that there is nothing we can say to lessen your pain, but we just wanted to let you know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Valerie and Terry Eikenberg - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

PM

“ *deBear family, your mom/wife was probably the nicest lady I've ever met. I've known her since 1973 and I honestly can say I've never not seen her without a smile on her face. Even when Dickie and Chris ran away to Bowling Green that one night and she knew that I was covering up for them, she still smiled at me. completely forgiving woman. Even when your man eating dogs wanted to attack me she would put her sturdy 115 pound frame between us and protect me. Completely caring woman. Even when I was benched against Allen Park, the only game I was going to get any playing time, because I was caught buying beer for Chris and Dick by coach Thoman, she smiled at me. Completely understanding woman. I can surely speak for Dick, we loved your mom! My deepest thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I know what it's like to lose a parent. it's very very hard. All I can say is that it takes time. Unfortunately it takes a lot of time. God bless all of you!*

Pat McKendry - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

SR

“ *Dear de Bear Family: I am so sorry for your loss. I will be thinking of you in the coming days.*

Shirley Roos - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

GE

“ *To All of the de Bear Family - I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. de Bear's passing. My most sincere and heartfelt condolences to everyone. I will always remember her as a wonderful person, with a loving spirit, and heart. Gerry*

Gerry Edwards - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

VS

“ Dear Chris
Please accept my deepest condolences on your family's loss. It was so sad to hear the news. My prayers are with you during the weeks ahead.

Vicki Sower - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

LV

“ Dear de Bear Family, You are in my thoughts and prayers. I will always remember your Wife, Mother and Grandmother Estelle as a gracious and adventurous woman.

Linda Visscher - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

RF

“ Diane and Ralph,
We were so sorry to hear of Estelle's passing and know you will miss her terribly. Our sympathy to your entire family

Ray and Chris Fortson - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

MB

“ Please accept my deepest condolences on the loss of your beloved Estelle. She held together a loving family! May you find comfort in your memories of her life, and in your love for each other.

Meaghan Battle - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

VM

“ So sorry for your loss, Dick. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Valerie Meyerson - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

CL

“ *My deep condolences to the de Bear family. What a sad and difficult loss. So many are thinking of you and sending you strength.*

Catherine Ricard - Oak Park Library - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

CB

“ *Mr. deBear and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Miss Estelle is truly one of the finest ladies that I've had the pleasure to meet. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Chris Blankenship - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

CF

“ *Diana,
I am sorry to hear about your mom. I know she was an awesome lady.*

Craig Fortson - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

JF

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Dick, Chris and the de Bear family. Such a huge loss as she was loved by so many!*

Julie Farkas - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

BT

“ *Dear Chris and family,
Haing lost my mother to cancer on Oct 27--ten days ago--I can truly empathize. From reading the tributes, it appears we both had fine women for mothers and will miss them dearly.
Beth @ Oak Park Library*

Beth Tompkins - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

LS

“ Dear Dick and family, I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved wife and mother. She was a gracious lady, loved by all who knew her. May God comfort you in this difficult time and know that you are in my prayers and thoughts.

Linda Sickles - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

SI

“ Diane and Ralph,
We were shocked and saddened to learn of Estelle's death. Though we met just a few times, we know that Estelle was a wonderful mother, wife and friend who lived life to the fullest. May memories of your happy times together sustain you and may God bless your beautiful family.

Sue and Bob Isbell - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

HE

“ Dick and family, Judy and I were saddened to learn of Estelle's passing. She was such an inspiration to everyone who knew her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We feel honored to have had her as our friend.

Howard and Judy Ekblad - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

TA

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. I recall her as a brilliant, beautiful woman. Who I know was a great Mother. Hope you cherish her love & celebrate wonderful memories of her. Please know that you & your family are in our hearts.

Tom Albrecht - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

DL

“ Dear Chris and Family --

My heartfelt condolences on the loss of your mother. May the love of those around you help you through the days ahead.

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die." ~Thomas Campbell

Deb Lambert - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

CH

“ Dick I'm so sorry for your loss. Estelle was a lovely lady and I'm miss chatting with her at the opera. You and your family will be in my prayers.

Christine Lind Hage - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

RF

“ We are very sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom..Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Raynelle Bohn and Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM