



Ethel Shirley Green

November 29, 1923 - November 3, 2011

Ethel Shirley Reynolds Green has passed away on November 3rd at 87 years old. She was a devoted wife and best friend to George Calvin Cal Green for 64 years. Ethel loved summers at the cottage and was an avid reader, but was at her best in an engaging conversation on any topic. Ethel was remarkably well read and could discuss any issue from politics or religion to personal relationships. She was a graduate of Royal Oak High School, 1942. Ethel was a resident of Royal Oak her entire life. Ethel was an avid volunteer in Girl and Boy Scouts, the PTA and at the school library. Survived by her husband Cal, son Dennis and his wife Jill Green and their children Zachary and Nickolaus, daughter Susan and her husband Edward Rosett and their children Jennifer, Bryce and Cal, daughter Stacey and her husband Jeff Eeman and their children Erica and Andrew. She is also survived by Gaylin Green Miller's husband Mike Miller and daughter Amy Sheposh and her husband Patrick. She was not only a loving grandmother, but also a true friend and trusted confidant to her grandchildren. Her spirit for life and insightful feedback provided a solid grounding for all who knew and loved her. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Clawson Library or the library of your choice as libraries are "in danger of extinction". Memorial visitation to be held Sunday 2-8 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Road 4 blocks E. of Woodward, Royal Oak. Memorial service to be held on Monday 11 a.m. at First Congregational Church, 1314 Northwood Blvd., Royal Oak. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ Dear Greens, I wanted to share my heartfelt words with you about my memories of your mother, grandmother and Cal's beloved: Ethel was my mom's best friend, so she touch my life very deeply. She has been in my life as a friend and role model since 1953! I will always remember her hardy laugh and her warm hugs. She would open the back door at 702 and yell, "You...Hooo, Pete, are you home?" The two of them would gab away the afternoon with a lot of laughs and sometimes tears. I learned a lot about keeping life long friends from the two of them. Ethel also taught me how to swear! I remember saying "damn it" when I was pretty little. My mom said to me, "We don't talk like that!". And my response was, "No, but Mrs. Green does!" I smile with a gentle tear in my eye that the North Maple 4: Pete, Peg, Ruth and Ethel are together once again. I am sending the love of the Gazal family to all of you, Jane

Jane Gazal - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ We had the pleasure of being Ethel and Cal's neighbours at their cottage for the past seven years. Ethel was there to welcome us when we first arrived. Every season started with a warm welcome and a hug from Ethel. We'll always remember her days spent on the porch reading no matter what the weather - always ready for a chat or a laugh. She was a font of information and interested in all around her. We'll miss her comforting presence and yours too Cal.

Jill & Bill Robson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CG

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DG

“ Dear Friends: We are deeply touched by your notes to the family about Mom. Thank you for sharing with us. Today we held the funeral at First Congregational Church in Royal Oak. It was beautiful and sunny throughout the service. Stacey, Susie and I each said a few words but the highlight of the day Sue's idea was to have each of the grandchildren read a verse from two of Mom's favorite poems. It was a fitting tribute to a woman who meant so much to so many. Thanks, D.

Dennis Green - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear Cal, Amy, Dennis, Sue, Stacy and families... We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Ethel was so much fun with her cute ways. We know that our dear Gaylin was waiting for her arrival and probably has it all decorated and beautiful for her. Sorry we can't be in Michigan to give your our condolences in person. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Tom & Jan Robson The Robies

Jan & Tom Robson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ We'll miss Ethel tremendously, and remember all the fun and happy times we had together with Ethel and Cal. Her performance in the "Burgular Bold" in Doug's old Barn can never be forgotten.

Beryl and Dick Hutchinson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Dear Dennis, Jill and boys, Please accept our sincerest sympathies on the death of your mother and grandmother. The obituary stated so beautifully what a friendly and engaging individual she was. That is certainly how we remember her to be on the occasions we enjoyed together. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, your dad and extended family as you once again deal with such a difficult loss. I hope you will find comfort today as you hear other people extole her virtues and remember her great humor. We will be there in spirit. Much love, Terrie and Jeff

Jeff and Terrie Adcock - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Uncle Cal and the Green/Reynolds Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Aunt Ethel was the definition of a strong woman. Her sense of humor will always be remembered. Thank you for sharing even more great memories of her today. She will be sincerely missed.

Cristy and Michael Dunn - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Ethel is certainly part of my earliest and fondest memories of Hillsboro. Her personality and voice were very much part of the character of "Doug's road." I can hear her in the distance, even now. I was so sorry to learn of her death. My thoughts and prayers are with Cal, Dennis, Suzie, Stacey and the entire family.

Tom MacFarlane - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Wishing the Green family peace and comfort with the loss of their wonderful Ethel. One gift that Ethel leaves with us is the value of family and the ability to laugh at ourselves. She knew what was truly important in life and lived it each and every day. We will miss you Ethel but a big part of you lives on in your children and grandchildren. Your friends from Hillsboro, Kevin, DD, Sean & Christine Corcoran

Dianne Corcoran - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Ethel is that person who makes you smile and giggle and usually shake your head when you think of her. You had to be on your game when you entered into friendly banter. Witty and smart, she was so much fun to be around, but luckily for us all, she has passed that quality on to her children and grandchildren. We will miss her presence here on earth, but find comfort knowing she is still in her pajamas in heaven - and doesn't have to worry about getting dressed before dinner! Our love and prayers to the entire Green family. Pete, Sue Tori, and Kelly Wright

Sue Wright - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Ethel was an amazing, funny, sweet, unique and compassionate woman. I always enjoyed spending time with her at Hillsboro Beach and listening to her family stories. She was a complete joy to be around. She will truly be missed by all but her memories will live on.

Linda, Kevin, Megan and Michael - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I am deeply saddened by the news of Aunt Ethel passing. She was such an amazing woman and each individual that ever had a chance to know her would probably describe her as 'unforgettable'. What an amazing life and family she had and we all will never forget her. She may be gone from our sight, but never our memories. Gone from our touch, but never from our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers with the entire Green and Reynolds family at this time.

Carrey Weston Schupp - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Ethel Green was an amazing woman who was loved by everyone who met her. For me, she was my second mom. She taught me so many unique and special things. Ethel taught me everything from how to swim, to how to enjoy an evening without television or a phone which when you are a teenager is no easy task and most importantly she taught me, it was okay to be me. another difficult task to teach a teenager!. The gifts of spirit that Ethel shared will be with us forever. My prayers and love are with entire Green family.

Joan MacFarlane - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ We are truly saddened by the loss of such a great lady. Ethyl touched each and ever one of us in her own special way. She was always there to listen and give support. She accepted us into her life and made us feel like part of her own family. We shall miss her unique wit and charm more and more with each passing day. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Marilyn & Jenna - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Some of my most favorite memories of Hillsboro Beach are of Ethel and her family! It defiantly would not have been the same place without her. I consider herself one of the founders of such a wonderful place for families to share the best of summer and grown up together and have a great time!! She was always the life of the party with her enjoy life to the fullest attitude! We are fortunate in life to come across families that are not blood related rather chosen to be part of your family! The Green family has always been that group of wonderful people that the Townsends have had the privilege to be apart of!! Ethel will be missed more than words can describe but her spirit will live on through all of us and will never be forgotten! We send our deepest sympathy to her family for she will be missed as if she was our mother or grandmother. Sending you all our love!
Dave, Donna and Findlay Townsend.

David Townsend - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ I think of Ethel with a smile. She represented to me cottage life, warmth, and a keen sense of humor. I admired the "down to earth" way she looked at life in general. I observed her deep love of her family and I extend sympathy to all the Green family. I will miss Ethel terribly.

Carol Townsend - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Uncle Cal & Family, We were deeply saddened to hear the news about Aunt Ethel yesterday. We are so sorry for your loss. Ethel was one of a kind, she lite up the room when she entered...her sense of humor and quick wit kept us all in stitches. She will be greatly missed and will live on in our hearts forever. Our love and prayer's are with all of you during this difficult time.

Steve & Theresa - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. She was our dear friend, and will be missed. Bruce and Jane

Bruce and Jane Smith - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Ethel was a remarkable woman, a tough broad, and our most dear friend. Over the years we enjoyed with Ethel and Cal countless hours of fun & laughter; great conversations; dinners out; parties & family gatherings. Family was everything to Ethel. Their successes gave her great joy. And she would cheer them on relentlessly through each trial life would inevitably bring. You are always in our hearts, Ethel. We will not forget you. We extend to Cal and family our deepest sympathy.

Bedford and Patti Doolittle - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We are sorry for your loss and our thoughts are with you guys during this difficult time

Brad Smith and Sarah Sinclair - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

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KB

“ *What a fine fun fun lady. She is what I aspire to be like when I "grow up". She was always there for me through my highs and lows of life. How blessed we are to have had her in our life. She truly will be missed.*

Kathy Berquist - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *We have a lot of good memories of summers at the cottage and joint family meals and gathering around bonfires. Although Laura didn't know her as well, she enjoyed some good conversations with Ethel. She will be missed.*

Andy Smith & Laura Brand - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *How do you put into words the loss of someone you have loved & respected for so many years? I can't. She was an inspiration to us all & a truly amazing person, who was fun to be around, liked to give advice & was also a great listener. A couple years ago she gave me some great advice: Live your life the way you chose, not how others think you should. We will miss you dearly, but your spirit will live on in all the people you have touched. Your loving niece, Cathy*

Cathy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Uncle Cal,Dennis,Sue,Stacey,Amy and Mike- We are so sorry for your loss. Ethel was one of a kind. We always wondered what she'd say next...nothing was off limits! Both of us, as well as our girls' loved her dearly. Her sparkle will be sorely missed and her phone messages of "Call Ethel" left us with a smile on our faces.*

Rick and Elsa Reynolds - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ We are saddened by the passing of Ethel. She had so much energy and a zest for life. It is our loss and we sincerely trust she has gone to better place and will watch over us until we join her. We extend our love and support to her husband Caland family and look forward to celebrating her life with you. Bob&Rhonda

Bob & Rhonda Coombs - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

YG

“ We are so sorry for you loss. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Yolanda Green - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ Sorry to hear what happened,Hope She trusted Jesus. You always have a place here in Tampa. My family sends its Love.

Ernest Green - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ To my loving Aunt Ethel- Your warmth, unconditional love, raspy voice, quick wit, and tremendous humor will always be with me in my heart and mind. I'll love you forever, Aunt Ethel!! To Uncle Cal, Dennis, Sue, Stacey, and Mike- Know that I am thinking of you and I am sending my love and support to you during this very difficult time. All of you mean the world to me and it is during these difficult times that our family's love, support, and caring help us get through each day of our grief. My love to all of you! Nancy

Nancy Reynolds - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ We are so sad we didn't have the opportunity to get to know Ethel well, but the love we have heard from her daughter Sue, and grandchildren make us feel like we knew her. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Barbara and Jim Van Eaton - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM