



## Juanita D. Niemi

August 16, 1934 - April 1, 2020

Juanita D. Niemi, passed away on April 1, 2020.

Longtime resident of Clawson. Beloved wife of the late Ronald, who passed away on July 18, 2007. Loving mother of Ronald (Brenda) Niemi Jr., Deborah (John) Uelsmann, Kathleen (Alex) McNeilly and William Niemi. Proud grandmother of nine, Ronald (Jill) Niemi III, Melissa (Bryant) Ballman, Jake (Jackie) Best, Josh (Jen) Best, Kristen (Alex) Andrews, Eric Niemi, Samantha Niemi, Justin Uelsmann and Jeremy (Chyane) Uelsmann. Great grandmother of nine, Braydon and Easton Niemi, Andrew and Kaden Ballman, Merrick and Brooks Best, Natalie, Jordan and Wyatt Uelsmann. Sister of Patricia VanTeegan, Arthur Leonard and Edwin (Pam) Leonard.

Juanita (Nita) deeply loved her family and friends and lived a long, full life. She loved to travel and to attend the "Cousin Campouts". She was sincerely interested in people and would strike up a conversation with anyone. She especially had a passion for cooking, gardening, animals and loved all creatures. Aunt Nita's fried chicken was legendary. She looked forward to visitors and being able to feed all who came into her life. She will be dearly missed.

Due to the virus the world is dealing with, the family chose a private wake for her children and their spouses at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, Royal

Oak, MI. Burial at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. A memorial service will be announced when arrangements can be made. Your thoughts and prayers for Juanita are appreciated and know she would want the best for you and your family. She was a woman of faith, so in lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to the church of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## **Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens**

43300 W. 12 Mile Road  
Novi, MI 48377

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Juanita you will always be with us as we continue as the posse. We'll miss you but take our memories with us.*

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**The posse** - April 11, 2020 at 09:23 PM

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Niemi (I have called her that since I was a kid and always will no matter how old I am) was such a kind and generous woman. She was also very giving. Her and my mom and a couple other of their friends would buy gifts for a family in need every year for Christmas for our church. Your mom would put so much time in picking out the gifts and preparing them. The gifts always looked so beautiful. She always seemed to buy extra with the family's needs in mind to make the family feel good. She will be missed by all! Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Cindy Clayton (McCauley)** - April 05, 2020 at 12:38 PM

SN

“ *In all my memories of her, Auntie Nita was always smiling and laughing. She had an amazing and indomitable spirit. I always felt transported out of my own problems when she was around. She helped me learn how to laugh at myself, which is the best gift anyone can give, while also making me feel welcomed, loved and cared for. I wish life would've thrown us together more often. Nonetheless, she will always be part of me and I'm sure part of everyone who ever met her. We'll miss her very much.*

*Steve Niemela*

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**Steven Niemela** - April 04, 2020 at 04:33 PM

RF

“ *Kathy and family,  
I'm sorry! She was a wonderful lady and I have many great  
memories with her and the group of us at her house. God bless!*  
*Rob Farran*

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**Rob Farran** - April 04, 2020 at 03:31 PM

SH

*Kathy and Family,*

*I'm so sorry to hear about your Mom passing away. I'm sure she is now  
in a better place. Wonderful memories keep close to your heart. She's  
in our prayers. Love you. Suzy*

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**suzanne Hrytzik** - April 05, 2020 at 09:50 PM

RB

“ *I have such fond memories of Aunt Nita, especially her laugh. She  
was always so much fun to be around and such a happy person.  
Growing up, going to Aunt Nita's house felt like you were entering  
the land of Mary Poppins -- she always had such fun things for us to  
do, including throwing sticky noodles at her kitchen walls. She  
thoughtfully remembered everyone's birthdays with a "card and a  
quarter." I'm sure my mom (who adored her) was waiting with a cup  
of coffee. Aunt Nita will be sorely missed. Sending all of you virtual  
hugs and deepest sympathies.xoxo, Renee Bookout*

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**Renee Bookout** - April 04, 2020 at 02:13 PM

JA

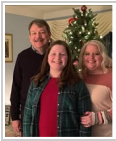
“ So sorry to hear about your Mom, she was an awesome lady. Many prayers going up for you and your whole family.

Love you

Janet Farran-Duty

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**Janet** - April 04, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ Mrs. Niemi was like an extra mom and grandmother to me and my family. We lived next door to her my whole life growing up and was always very kind to our family. I think, without her guidance and pushing, my mom never would have let me cross the street or get my hands dirty! Thank you Mrs Niemi for always watching out for me. Now you are in a better place and I am sure a happier place.

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**Jim Rae** - April 04, 2020 at 10:27 AM

MN

“ Nita will always have a special place in my heart. She never stopped calling me her daughter-in-law and when I pointed it out to her, she would just giggle mischievously and say “you’ll always be my daughter”. She was so kind and would help anyone. I loved how she always was helping “the seniors” but never considered herself one of them. You will be missed dearly Mom.

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**Michelle Niemi** - April 04, 2020 at 07:51 AM

SN

“ *My Grandma spent almost 22 years taking care of me, and her lifetime taking care of everyone.. family and friends included. Her funeral would have been a crowded room overflowing with flowers, grandkids and great grandkids if it weren't a pandemic currently. I am so thankful for everything she did and I will be happy to have the memorial in the future to celebrate her lifetime with everyone.*

*Baby's Baby*



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**Samantha Niemi** - April 04, 2020 at 06:02 AM



Victoria  
Forbes

“ *Kathy,*

*I will always remember how wonderful and fun your Mom was with her family and your friends. I was always amazed by her spirit and endless energy! She will most certainly be missed!! Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.*

*With love and sympathy,*

*Vicki (Farran) Forbes*

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**Victoria Forbes** - April 04, 2020 at 12:50 AM

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copykath248 - April 03, 2020 at 07:03 PM

CO

*Mom and Dad's 50th Anniversayr*

copykath248 - April 03, 2020 at 07:46 PM

GP

*I love the photos. I do love the ones with her hands up too because it was so her. I so miss her and I know how tough this is for all of you. She was a wonderful loving lady. , ginny*

Ginny perlstein - April 07, 2020 at 11:59 AM

JO

“ *From the posse. You will always be with us. Joanne Jackie Joan Sandy*

joanne - April 03, 2020 at 03:34 PM

MH

“ Aunt Nita was always there for our family since we were young children. I will miss her calls to tell us she and the girls were coming up north. She made everything so special for us. We will make a donation to our church in her Honor. I hope that all of us will still have a reunion in her honor since she loved and cared about the families joining together so much. I see so many of her traits in all you. Love to all of you, Dave and Marilyn Seyler Harden. (Dutch and Lynn).



Marilyn and Dave Harden - April 03, 2020 at 02:46 PM

BM

“ I was talking to my sister Lenore a few months ago about our Aunt Nita. Lenore was reminiscing about going down to visit our Dad's parents in Detroit during the holidays. She said "things always got very lively when Ron and Nita came over".

Barbara Miller - April 03, 2020 at 10:35 AM

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copykath248 - April 02, 2020 at 09:42 PM

MH

Love the pictures. Thanks for sharing.

Marilyn and Dave Harden - April 03, 2020 at 02:57 PM

MN

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**Michelle Niemi** - April 04, 2020 at 07:49 AM