



## EDITH SLEUTELBERG

October 12, 2012

Age 85, of Southfield, formerly of Hudson, MI, died October 9, 2012

Edith Sleutelberg, 85, born in Zaltbommel, the Netherlands, died peacefully in her sleep, surrounded by family, after a long illness. She and her late husband, Simon, owned and operated Meyer's Dept. Stores, Hudson Dry Goods, and the Town and Country Shop in Hudson, Michigan for over 50 years. They were very philanthropic, supporting many causes, including reading to children at Lincoln Elementary School.

Edith was a hidden child Holocaust survivor from the Netherlands. She spent 2 years and 7 months in the attic of the farmhouse of the Krijn de Kock family. During the war and since, they have become her family and their descendants have remained close family to this day.

Edith was an outgoing, social woman who maintained dozens of dear friendships in her native Holland throughout her life. She celebrated her 80th birthday there in the company of more than 100 friends, 55 years after leaving Holland. She was active at Temple Beth Israel in Jackson, Michigan and Congregation Shir Tikvah in Troy, Michigan. She was on the library board in Hudson and an active member of the Friday Club and the Hudson Women's Club. She attended the gatherings of the Hidden Children's group in the Detroit area.

Seven years ago she moved to the Park at Trowbridge in Southfield, Michigan where she is remembered as everyone's dear friend. She took great joy in

helping the staff and residents, usually giving away Dutch chocolate rolls, warmly welcoming new residents while taking care of those needing assistance. She never missed an activity and danced to the music at evening concerts.

She loved life and lived it fully, believing that she had been living on borrowed time since age 14 when most of her extended family was murdered.

The FUNERAL SERVICE service will be held at Hebrew Memorial Chapel in Oak Park, MI at 11:00 AM.

A GRAVESIDE SERVICE with interment will be held at Maple Grove Cemetery in Hudson, MI at 2:30 PM on Friday 10/12/2012.

A link will be provided for a live webcast at the funeral home at the time of the service.

#### Family Info:

Preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Simon Sleutelberg. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Drs. Ester Sleutelberg and Steve Ratiner, Rabbi Arnie Sleutelberg and Robert Crowe, Grandchildren Ariel and Hannah Kowalsky, Tracy and Jeremy Moy, and Andy Ratiner, great-grand child Naomi Moy, the de Kock family, and many nieces and nephews.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of  
EDITH SLEUTELBERG* ”



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**Hebrew Memorial Chapel** - October 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM