



Dorothea "Thea" (Bresser) Klyn

September 14, 1931 - March 2, 2015

Dorothea "Thea" (Bresser) Klyn, age 83, of Madison for the past 2 years, formerly of Painesville, died Monday March 2, 2015 at The Lantern of Madison, Madison, OH. She was born September 14, 1931 in Waddinxveen, Netherlands.

She came to the United States in March of 1956 after marrying her husband Case, a nurseryman, in the Netherlands.

Survivors include her children Todd (Rhonda) Klyn of Painesville and Linda (Joseph) Varhol of Madison; grandson Maxwell Klyn of Painesville and siblings Jeanny (Erwin) Horwitz, Brigitte (Martien) Molenaar, Lien (Kees) Van Der Klauw and Ton (Gerda) Bresser and many nieces and nephews in the Netherlands.

Thea was a head tailor for Sears at the Great Lakes Mall for approximately 30 years. Thea was a perfectionist from the clothing she tailored at Sears to her beautifully kept home and gardens. After retiring, she was a volunteer for both Christ Child and the St. Gabriel Bereavement Group. She loved to crochet and make beautiful afghans.

Preceding Thea in death is her husband Case Klyn; granddaughter Diane Zambory; parents Johannes and Emma Bresser and brother Gijs Bresser.

The funeral mass will be 1 pm Friday March 6, 2015 at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd., Concord Twp.

The family will receive friends 10-12 pm Friday at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH. 44060.

Contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, Cleveland Area Chapter, P.O. Box 74924, Cleveland, Ohio 44194.

To offer online condolences go to www.brunners.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Mass

MAR 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Gabriel Catholic Church
9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd.
Concord Twp., OH 44060
(440) 352-8282

Tribute Wall

VC

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Todd and Linda from Sari Loxterman's sister Vicki. Thea was a dear sweet person and I am sure she will be missed by all her friends and family. She and Case were good neighbors to my sister and her family.*

Vicki Curtis - March 05, 2015 at 03:04 PM

“ After receiving the sad news that our sister Thea died, we, her brother Ton and her sisters Lien, Jeanny and Brigitte, would like to express our condolences to Todd, Linda and their families. Furthermore we would like to write some thoughts in memory of our “American” sister. We were all born in Waddinxveen. In 1952 the Bresser family moved to Utrecht. There, Thea and Lien worked in the department store of Vroom & Dreesmann. In 1956 Thea and her husband Case (Kees) emigrated to the USA and became parents of Todd and Linda. We kept in touch by sending letters, parcels, cassette-tapes and later on by telephone. Mostly to congratulate each other on birthdays. Our parents visited Painesville twice. Thea and Case also visited the Netherlands several times, with and without their children. They stayed with Lien and visited the other members of their Dutch family and their friends whom they left behind. Lien and her husband, also named Kees (Case) also visited the Klyn’s..

The memories of Ton are going back to May 1942 his first schoolday. As a little schoolboy of 6 years old, he walked every day by hand with Thea to school and back. Four times a day! As our mother thought it was safer to keep him by hand with Thea (already 6th class pupil) along the River Gouwe in Waddinxveen. Mother had to stay at home with the two youngest children Gijs and Jeanny and her mother who also lived with the family. Another memory of Ton is their own special running game they had as children together Thea, Lien and Ton. His last memory goes back, about a half year ago. During the last conversation he had with Thea by phone she asked him to pray now and then a Hail Mary for her. He promised to do that every evening before he went to sleep together with a Our Father. The last few weeks he played on the piano a song of the Holy Mary of Waddinxveen (a pilgrimage song) with tears in his eyes.

In 1968 Jeanny went to Painesville for a 5-weeks stay and in spite of the 11-years age difference it was a big pleasure, including a visit to the Niagara Falls. October 2012 Brigitte and Jeanny stayed at Thea’s for a week. The symptoms of Alzheimer were already recognizable. It was a nice week talking together, playing cards and

enjoying the nice meals that Thea prepared. During the last years of Thea's life we contacted more often by phone. Thea was always interested in how we were doing. After her move to the Lantern of Madison it became more and more difficult to talk with her as the Alzheimer disease worsened.

In our memory Thea will always be a beloved sister and a nice person. We will memorize her in our prayers and we will not forget her.

Lien, Ton, Jeanny and Brigitte of the Bresser's family in the Netherlands. March 5, 2015

Jeanny Horwitz - March 05, 2015 at 02:48 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Dorothea "Thea" (Bresser) Klyn.*



March 05, 2015 at 10:49 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear about your mother. She was a very good friend to our family, especially my mother. My mother looked forward to your mom's visits every week. They had so much fun going out to lunch together. We will truly miss her. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Dorothy (Ravestein) Giangrande

Dorothy (Ravestein) Giangrande - March 05, 2015 at 08:41 AM