



## Anna Dean

February 13, 1921 - April 17, 2023

Anna G. Dean was the 4th of 5 children born to Cornell and Mary Greavu on Feb. 13, 1921 in Burns Harbor, Indiana. The family worked in the fields raising vegetables to take to the farmers. Later their dad worked in the Ford factory and their mother in an airplane factory. The family lived in Northville and then Plymouth where their dad retired. Anna received her education in public school until her high school years when she attended Adelphian Academy in Holly. While there she stole the heart of a young farm boy, Myrle Dean. They were married on Nov. 23, 1939, Thanksgiving Day. It was a marriage that lasted for 67 years ending only with the passing of Myrle in 2006 at the age of 89. They worked on a 160 acre dairy farm all of their life. Hay, oats and wheat were the crops they put up plus raising about 25 head of dairy cows and calves. Just the 2 of them ran the farm except when they got boys from the academy to help put up the hay. Farming is hard work but they made a success of it. Myrle and Anna attended the Holly Seventh Day Adventist Church all of their married life. They both were active in the church and enjoyed their church work. Anna was head deaconess which she especially enjoyed. She also served as church clerk and a teacher in the children's divisions. In 2018 she suffered a heart attack and hasn't been able to live on the farm since. After that, she moved to Brookdale Assisted Living Center and made many friends while there, especially Sam. Anna enjoyed word search puzzles, reading and has crocheted many pot holders which she has shared with family and friends. Anna was a blessing to those around her by offering

words of encouragement, sending cards and sharing her faith even while at Brookdale. She appreciated the loving care of the Brookdale staff, especially Sam. God bless you Mom. Surviving Anna is Peggy Hoffmeyer, Rosemary Ward, sister Virginia Buchanan, and many nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death was her husband Myrle, parents Cornell and Mary Greavu, brother Cornel, and sisters Helen and Mary.. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Sunday, April 23, 2023 at Holly Seventh Day Adventist Church. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery Holly. Visitation will be from 2-7 PM Saturday at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Memorial donations can be made to: the Holly Adelpian Junior Academy. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill

Holly, Michigan, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **22**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home  
101 First St  
Holly, MI 48442  
(248) 634-8291

## Funeral Service

APR **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holly Seventh-Day Adventist Church  
Holly, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Anna Dean*



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**Dryer Funeral Home, Inc.** - April 23, 2023 at 12:15 PM

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“ *Anna's 102nd birthday.* ❤️🥰



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**Karen** - April 20, 2023 at 03:36 PM

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“ *Mom, Ginnie, Annas's younger sister and Aunt Anna when we visited about 2014. They had a great time being together again.*



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**Karen** - April 20, 2023 at 03:33 PM



“ 20 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - April 20, 2023 at 02:25 PM

BS

“ Aunt Anna.. always a smile, always a comic, and a great sense of humor. I remember the vacation to the farm about 1963. The cows! Milking them with Uncle Meryl, he squirted us with the milk!! Lol 😄 The calves... the pricklers on the blackberry bushes, I still have a scar across the back of my calf. The homemade bread 🍞 😊. I don't know how she did it all. She had a full and blessed life. 🥰

Barbara Schultz - April 20, 2023 at 09:07 AM

EA

“ Elizabeth Austin lit a candle in memory of Anna Dean



Elizabeth Austin - April 19, 2023 at 10:03 PM

JF

“ Remembering a very Special Lady and Friend of the Zager family. So honored to have you in our lives Annabelle loved you vey much. You were her best friend. So enjoyed our visit with you in May of 2022. Hugs and Prayers to Peggy. Rest Anna with Mom, Dad, Steve, & Merle until the Lord's return. Love, Judy, Janice & Stan Zager

judy foose - April 19, 2023 at 03:05 PM

LJ

“ I worked with Anna and Myrle on the Farm, Haying. Anna drove the Tractor and trailer, Myrle stacked the Hay, and I threw the Bales up to him. A lot of Great Memories. R.I.P. Sweet Lady

Lyle G. Jones, Marilyn K. Jones - April 19, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ My Aunt Anna was so kind and loving. My favorite thing ever, as a child, was to spend time on the farm with her and my Uncle Myrle. A typical child, I was completely unaware of how hard she worked to provide for her family and a tag along child. When she tucked me into bed at night under warm quilts I felt completely loved and safe. I will greatly miss her.

Susan Hawkins - April 18, 2023 at 08:08 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anna Dean.



April 18, 2023 at 05:47 PM