



Tema Haab

July 5, 1922 - December 26, 2021

Tema Haab, age 99 was called home by her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, December 26, 2021 at the Henry Ford Allegiance Hospice Home in Jackson, Michigan. Tema, born July 5, 1922, was the third of nine children born to Charles Kohler and Matilda (Boettger) Kohler. Tema developed a love of reading at an early age, and after graduating from Saline High School in 1941, she earned her teaching certificate from Normal College. She began her long teaching career in country schools. During World War II, she served her country by assembling the B-24 Liberator military aircraft at the Willow Run Bomber Plant and was proud to be a Rosie the Riveter. On August 24, 1944 she married her loving husband Waldemar George Haab. Together for sixty-one years, they built a beautiful home and family in Ann Arbor Michigan. Tema furthered her education by obtaining her Bachelor of Science and Masters Degree in Reading from Eastern Michigan University, and published a book in 1969 entitled, "Individualized Reading – First Grade Language Arts Program". She went on to teach the first grade for 40 years and was considered an expert on how to teach a child to read. She was baptized in the Holy Spirit and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. She was a lifelong member of St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan where she was active in the Ladies Aid and Altar Guild. Despite being busy with her career and family, she always took the time to visit with the elderly or sick, and sent out many cards and notes. She led a very active social life attending ice cream socials, euchre parties, church functions, country school events and family events with

her brothers and sisters. She traveled to several places in the United States and Europe. Many folks stopped by or honked when they drove by Wally and Tema's house. She had an interest in family genealogy and during her later years she continued to enjoy her love of reading. She had a beautiful spirit and will be missed dearly by her family and friends. Tema is survived by her son James (Dianne) Haab; daughter Janet (Raymond) Weiner II; granddaughter Ann (Timothy) Hall; sister Lillian Gilbert; brothers Charles Kohler and Clarence Kohler. She is preceded in death by her husband, infant daughter Linda Jane, infant son, grandson Raymond John Weiner III, sisters Bertha Luckhardt, Emma VandenBosch, Lucille Brown, Lorena Luckhardt and Stella Peplau. Private family services were held, and a Celebration of Life Service will be held in the summer. Burial took place in the St. Thomas Lutheran Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the church and can be mailed to St. Thomas Lutheran Church 10001 West Ellsworth Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. To sign Tema's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Thomas Lutheran Cemetery

10001 West Ellsworth Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Tribute Wall



“ Tema Haab

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ Mrs Haab was my very first teacher when she taught at Lodi Plains School. I was very shy and she was a skilled and wise teacher and soon had me participating in most activities. I especially remember our music lesson, listening to Handel's Messiah on U/M radio. There were 4 children in my class, including her son James, so I was able to keep track of her through ensuing years. She was a wonderful addition to the human race and my heart is with all of her family and those close to her. Leslie Katz Feret

Feret Leslie - January 06, 2022 at 06:55 PM



“ Mrs. Haab was my first grade teacher. I never cared for school, however she remained one of a handful of my favorite teachers in my school years. I always loved to read, so that was probably why I connected with her and remember her fondly. I live within a few miles of her house and have always thought of her when passing by over the years. My sympathy to her family and friends.

Elaine (Condit) Gensley

Elaine Gensley - January 04, 2022 at 08:37 PM

HP

“ Tema, we will always remember your kindness and empathy, your hospitality, and also your encouragement of our daughter Karen to help her improve her skills in English.

Our travels together through Germany in 1990, and our visits to Ann Arbor in 1991, 2008 and 2015, but also many talk by phone, we will never forget.

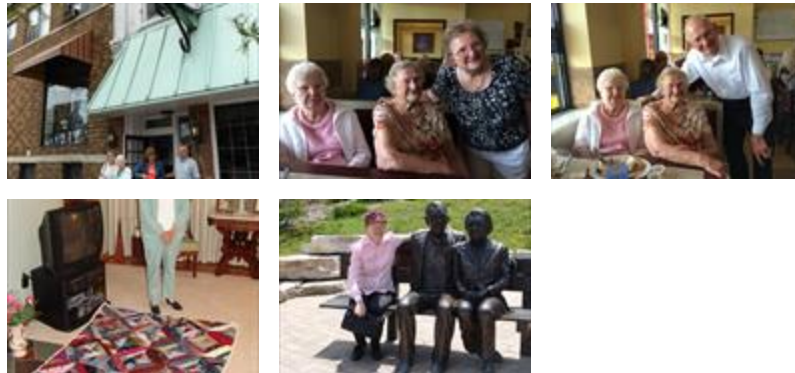
Janet and Ray, Jim and Diane, Ann and Tim, our cordial condolences to you.

Hans-Joerg, Petra and Karen Hertfelder, and Aunt Hanna Hertfelder, who is living with us at Bonn, Germany

Hans-Joerg, Petra - January 03, 2022 at 08:59 AM

HG

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Hans-Joerg, Petra & Karen Hertfelder GER - January 03, 2022 at 08:36 AM

EP

“ I have many fond memories of working as a colleague with Tema, as well as coming to her house to play her piano.

My heartfelt condolences to her family.

Ed Polsdofer

Ed Polsdofer - December 31, 2021 at 02:52 PM

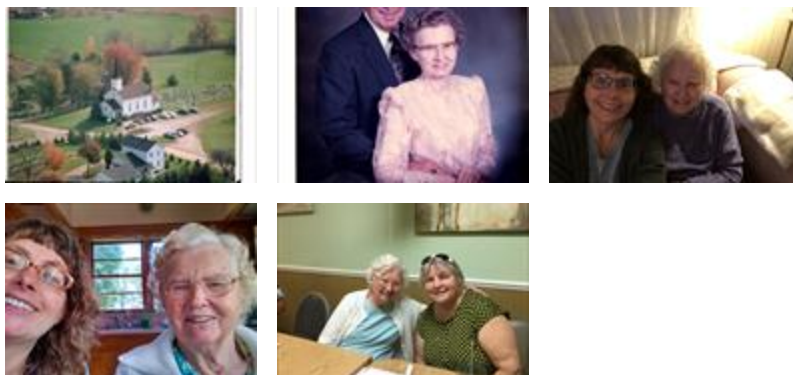
DG

“ Mrs. Haab was my 1st Grade teacher at Jensen Elementary. She was a patient and kind professional. I feel fortunate to have had her, as she gave her class the love of reading during an important time in our development. I thank the Haab family for sharing her with all the 1st Graders fortunate enough to have had her as a teacher.

David Gailbreath - December 30, 2021 at 04:20 PM

JW

“ 88 files added to the album Tema's slideshow



Jan Weiner - December 29, 2021 at 01:38 PM

JA

“ 2 files added to the album Tema's slideshow



Jan - December 28, 2021 at 04:03 PM

SG

“ *R.I.P Tema, I remember you from Bryant Elementary School when I first began my position as the Secretary to the Principal. I feel very privileged to have known you. I remember coming to your lovely home years ago to visit with you, also. I thought of you often, especially when the "Rosie the Riveter" events were taking place, as I remember you telling me about how you were one before you began your teaching career. Sending sincere condolences and prayers to your family.*



Sharon Gingras - December 28, 2021 at 08:23 AM



“ *Lavender Tribute Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Tema Haab.*



December 27, 2021 at 04:35 PM