



## Shepard E. Wealthie

October 31, 2008

Wealthie E. Shepard, 93, formerly of McClure and Bowling Green, OH, died Friday, Oct. 31, 2008 at the Evangelical Home in Saline, MI. Born Sept. 29, 1915 in McClure, the daughter of Claude & Delpha (Whitman) Myers. On Apr. 21, 1933, she married Donald Shepard, who preceded her on May 12, 1998. She was a Homemaker and worked as a librarian for the McClure School and Community Library. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in McClure. She was a member of the All Saints Lutheran Church in Toledo. She is survived by a daughter, Mary Ann (Joseph) Labuta of Saline; grandchildren, Scott (Sarah) Orwig of Saline, and Amy (Kage Willey) Orwig of Northville, MI; great grandchildren, Harrison, Grace, Shepard, and Kennedy Orwig. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 3, 2008 at the Rodenberger Funeral Home in McClure with visitation from 11 a.m. till the time of service. Interment will follow at the Hockman Cemetery in McClure. The family suggests memorial contributions to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in McClure.

# Tribute Wall



“ I am the other daughter of Claire Kuchnicki, ex-roommate of Wealthie's at Evangelical. I am saddened to hear of Wealthie's passing. We had many wonderful moments together when my mom was there. One night we sat around my mother's bed. Wealthie, my mother and I sat holding hands and talking. It was an interesting conversation but somehow, uplifting. When I would visit at night, I often read them a book by Phyllis Whitney and if I would stop, one or the other would ask me why I was stopping. I still have that book and it sits close to my bed reminding me of those quiet, warm nights. Finally, I remember visiting Wealthie shortly after my Mother's death. I didn't know what to say to her. She seemed to recognize me and asked me where that girl was. I told her that Claire was going on a vacation with her husband. Her face lit up and she told me that would be just the thing, and maybe Shep would like that idea! I smile every time I think of her--she had such a loving way about her. Please accept my condolences and know that Wealthie made a difference to us all, even in her last years. Pam Atwood##imported-begin##Pamela Atwood##imported-end##

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“ My mother and Wealthie were room mates at Saline Evangelical Home just before she passed away (Claire Kuchnicki). Mom had only been at EVH for a few weeks after a stroke and had one unfortunate placement with another room mate before moving in with Wealthie. The girls struck up a friendship, and I know Mom felt a protective bond with Wealthie, which was very consistent with her overall character. My Mother was a great lover of books also, so perhaps that was another of their connections! In any event, the last conversation I had with my Mom was on her 81st birthday when a group of us came in for a little celebration (8/3/06; Mom was clearly not in a good state of mind. After we had dinner and dessert in the dinning room, we brought Mom back to her room. She was tearful, and we didn't know why. When I wheeled her up next to Wealthie, with Balloons in tow, I felt so bad we had to leave Mom when she seemed to be so sad. Wealthie took Mom's hand in what seemed to be a moment of clarity and said She will be alright, she is a good ol' girl!, smiling broadly. That made me feel a little better, and we then left for the night. When I returned the next day, Mom was in a sleeping state most of the time and for the following days after. Mom then passed away while I was sitting next to her, three days after her birthday. My daughters and I stopped by to see Wealthie a few times after that, but I do not think she knew us then. We all would have liked to meet Wealthie in her younger days, and knew she was one special lady. We were glad she was our Mom's final friendship. Warm regards to you and your family during this difficult time. MaryAnne Voss###imported-begin###Maryanne Voss###imported-end###

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“ I would like to give you my condolences. I only got to know Wealthy for a year, but what a year it was. She is a wonderful lady and full of charm. I will miss her dearly and my days wont be the same without her and her love for sweets. she has touched my heart and there will always be a place in it for her. I know she is smiling down on us all. Beth Morrison (Health Information Clerk) Evangelical Homes###imported-begin##Beth###imported-end##

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November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mary and Joe, We share your sorrow. Please accept our deepest sympathy and know that our thoughts are with you and your family. Love, Barb and John Ginther###imported-begin##Barb & John Ginther###imported-end##

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