

Elsje Booms Groos

November 4, 1933 ~ January 26, 2021

So very sorry for your loss. Your mother was a wonderful mother. I had the privilege to live next store to Elsie. She was like having a second mother growing up which I still have fond memories growing up with the Groos family. She will be deeply missed but forever in my heart.

- RORY E NEALE

I will miss Elsje so much - she was an outstanding example and leaves a legacy of love, thoughtfulness, and service. My thoughts and prayers will be for all her family. May you be comforted by your sweet memories of sweet Elsje.

- Terri Crow

It was an honor to know and associate with Elsje and Adrian. They were such industrious, hard working and giving people. They were easy to love.

- Ann and Al Kessler

As Elsje's son in law, I was impressed by her work ethic, concern for others, and the love she had for her husband. Whenever we were visiting, I looked forward to Adriaan wagging his finger and Elsje saying, 'Oh, Adriaan, be quiet' which made Adriaan talk even more. It was always fun to listen to her laugh and enjoy her company. She spent a great deal of her time taking care of her husband but it was her way of showing her love. For someone her size she could be tough which was necessary given her history and the very extraordinary times she lived in and endured. I always admired the way she appreciated what she had and who she chose to keep close. She was quick with a complement and giving sound advice when asked. She will be missed but always loved and remembered for the kind, giving person she was. May she rest in peace.

- Rodney Eaton

We are so sorry for the loss. She meant so much to so many. Our thoughts are wirh her daughter Corolla and granddaughter Heather. Kenny, Jerilee, Laurie, chris and Lexi

- Kenny Riddle and Jerilee

I never met her in reality, but she has a beautiful smile. I wish she rest in peace and blessings ■

- Mostafa Elsebaie

Sweet family, First of all, my condolences on the great loss of your mother and grandmother. Due to corona, a new meeting has unfortunately been canceled. I often think about the beautiful holidays I made with your mom and dad in America and Hawaii. I often think of 1951, the year that your mother emigrated to America, I was very sad that I had to miss my niece Els. But that worked out later because I had the opportunity to come to her. I wish the family a lot of strength in the coming period and hope that I can receive you again in the Netherlands. You are always welcome here! Lots of strength and lots of love from Truus.

- Truus Booms

Dear family, We wish you much strength in this difficult time. We have warm feelings for Aunt Els (and Uncle Adrian). She will always remain in our memories, among the tulip fields! Lots of love, Marja and Gerrie Hoofddorp the Netherlands

- Marja en Gerrie Visser

With deepest sympathy for the loss of your mother. She was a very special woman and she will be missed by many . Myrna Gribnau (her niece in the Netherlands)

- Myrna Gribnau-Bischot

Rotterdam, 28 januari 2021 Dear family, We are very sad about the death of aunt Els. For her cousin Truus in particular it is very bad not to be able to see and speak to her 'sister' anymore. Truus is so sad and also regrets that she was not able to meet her again last September as due to Covid-19 regulations she had to cancel her flight to Salt Lake City. We will remember Aunt Els as a optimistic, sweet, strong practical woman, always ready to help others. She was, as far as we can judge, the linchpin of the family. The special bond she had with Truus is cherished. We are with you in spirit and realize the great sorrow that has befallen you. Losing your parents (and grandparents) in 1 year. That hurts! We hope you find comfort in each other during this difficult time. From the Netherlands we will contribute in memory of our beloved Aunt Els to the Food bank in Haarlem. The city were she was born and spend the first 17 years of her life. We wish you a lot of strength in the coming period. Love from us all, Truus Booms, Gerrie & Marja Visser, Trudie & Orhan Kaya and their children Eva-Luna, Alisher, Sidar and Hannah-Lora

- Trudie Visser

Dear Carla, Heather, and family, This is a sad news to bear. I'm so sorry that she didn't have more time, but she certainly made the best use of her time on earth. Your mother was such a loving and gifted woman, always looking to help others. She will be brightening up Heaven with her genuine love for all. I remember your mom's smiles when

we shopped at the The Olde Dutch Store. They made the BEST meatloaf for sandwiches. May Heavenly Father bless you with healing, peace, and comfort and may you feel His love form you. May your mom's spirit comfort you also to let you know she's happy and at rest. My love and prayers are with you at this time.

- Moana Hopkins

What an awesome women ! She spent much of her lifetime helping and contributing food and items that she created. We, her neighbors and good friends have lost a person of integrity. She would just rollup her sleeves and get to work. She was an excellent cook. She loved making sandwiches for the missionaries and giving them out to those who came into their Holland Store on Highland Drive and 27th South. She continuously sewed afghans together for young women of Uganda that were removed from their villages because of their incontinence. Her children and grandchildren have followed in her footsteps. What a legacy she has left behind. Elsje and Adrianne designed their home and it was a beautiful addition to our neighborhood. We loved being in their home. Diana and Neal Wright

- Diana and Neal Wright

My mother (wife of adrian’s nephew Nicolaas HOLTHUIJZEN, son of his beloved sister Marie) and I have just learned today about the loss of Els. We didn’t get any news any more and finally we heard the sad news from Margot Roth’s son (sister of Nicolaas) We are so sad not having heard it before to send you our condoléances… Kind regards Wil & Marijke

- HOLTHUIJZEN