

**Evelyn Gertrude Cole**, daughter of George Washington Cole (1902-1929) and Alice Marguerite (Miller) (1905-1991) Cole, was Ingham County, Michigan. Evelyn lost her father to influenza in 1929. Her widowed mother, with 2 very young daughters, moved in with family on a farm in Ingham County. Alice Cole married widower Herman Jake Grettenberger



(1888-1954) in Indiana, May 1941. Evelyn's sister, **Doris**, **graduated in 1945** from Okemos High School. Evelyn graduated in 1946 from Okemos High and furthered her education by graduating from Butterworth Hospital School of Nursing, Kent County, Michigan.

Evelyn married Gerald John Horstman on Saturday 21 November 1953, Ingham County. Gerald, at the time of marriage, was serving in the US Army.

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## **PAIR MARRIED IN RITES WITH DOUBLE RING**

Miss Evelyn Gertrude Cole, daughter of Mrs. Alice Grettenberger of Okemos, and Gerald John Horstman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Horstman of Sanborn, Ia., were wed Saturday in Wheatfield Methodist church.

The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Cecil Pollock before an altar decorated with white fugi mums, palms and candelabra. Wayne Karn was soloist. He was accompanied by his bother, Mrs. Caroline Karn. *(newspaper's original and unedited sentence)*

## **ROSE CORSAGE**

Given in marriage by her uncle, Fred Cole, the bride wore a street-length gown of beige wool crepe, a beige hat and brown accessories. Her corsage was of white roses.

Mrs. William Kremer was her sister's only attendant. She wore a dress of brown wool crepe with benedictine accessories. Her corsage was of pink roses.

Marion Horstman, brother of the bridegroom, served as best man. Ushers were Irvin Horstman and Gerben Horstman, also brothers of the bridegroom.

### HEIRLOOM CLOTH

A wedding reception followed in the church parlors. The tablecloth used at the bride's table belonged originally to her great-grandmother.

Out-of-town guests were present from Sanborn, Ia., Flint and Grand Rapids.

After a short honeymoon the bridegroom will return to duty with the army. His bride will make her home in Grand Rapids.

The couple settled in the Grand Rapids, Kent County area and celebrated 63 years and 2 sons together. Evelyn died 9 May 2017, Kent County.

*Heritage Life Story Funeral Homes, Alt & Shawmut Chapel, Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan obituary*

**Evelyn G. Horstman**, age 88, passed from this life on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 and now rejoices with her Father and all the saints in Heaven.



The daughter of George W. and Alice M. (Miller) Cole, Evelyn was born March 1929 in Wheatfield Township, Ingham County, Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings [Doris Kremer](#) ('45), [Valda Davidowicz](#) ('49), and [Dale Grettenberger](#) ('52), as well as by her brothers- and sister-in-law William Kremer, Leo Davidowicz, Marion and

Agnes Horstman, and Irvin Horstman.

Evelyn is survived by Gerald Horstman, her husband of more than 63 years, her children Brian (Karen) Horstman and David (LuAnn) Horstman, her Grandchildren Elizabeth (Craig) Morehouse, Audrey (Justin) Brinks, Valerie (Mike) Bosscher, and Brandon Horstman, and her Great-Grandchildren Kaylee, Nora, Roseanna, and Levi. She is also survived by her brother Charles (Linda) Grettenberger, and her brothers- and sisters-

in-law Gene (June) Horstman, Keith (Ann) Horstman, Gertrude (Ed) Visser, Del (Marla) Horstman, Virgil (Joann) Horstman, Nelson (Gloria) Horstman, Gary (Florence) Horstman and Bob (Glenda) Horstman, along with many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. She will be dearly missed.

A proud graduate of the Butterworth Hospital School of Nursing, Evelyn followed her calling for over 40 years while serving at the Grand Rapids Veteran's Hospital, Butterworth Hospital, Osteopathic Hospital, and several private medical practices in Grand Rapids. She was a loving wife and mother, an avid reader, a student of the Holy Bible, and lived her Christian faith in her daily life.

Contributions in Evelyn's memory may be made to the West Side Christian School Foundation.