



Johanna "Jo" Franz

July 21, 1921 - May 28, 2011

Johanna "Jo" Franz, 89, of Traverse City, formerly of Gladwin, passed away on Saturday, May 28, 2011 at the Grand Traverse Pavilions. She was born on July 21, 1921 in Wageningen, Netherlands to the late Folkert and Elsinia (Kraaij) Geerligs. Jo had a passion for flying and had her pilot's license in the 1940's and together with 5 other women, owned her own plane. She always had a special place in her heart for animals and was the past president of the Northeast Animal Welfare League in the northern suburbs of Detroit. As an animal advocate, Jo adopted many pets. She is survived by her loving children, George (Laura) Corneail of Plainwell, Mary Jo (Terry) Bastuba of Marietta, GA, Janet (Dennis Briggeman) Corneail of Cedar; and Fran (Jack) Tassen of Grosse Pointe; 6 cherished grandchildren; and 6 precious great-grandchildren. Jo was preceded in death by her dear brother, Folkert "Frank" Geerligs. Memorial contributions may be given to, The Grand Traverse Pavilions, Maple Pavilion, 1000 Pavilions Circle, Traverse City, MI 49684. Condolences may be left on-line at www.wolfeoneill.com. Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Tribute Wall



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