

# The Hope Church Beacon



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### PRAYER OF HOPE

*Easter is a time of joy and renewal. The first followers of Jesus saw their darkest days replaced with the miracle of hope and eternal life. Christians today take time for self-examination and reflection as we journey through the season of Lent. As a community of believers, we are ready to emerge from the darkness of the cocoon and to fully experience those first rays of resurrection light on Easter morning. The following prayer was composed by the Rev. Michaela Youngson*

When everything was dark  
and it seemed that the sun would never shine again,  
your love broke through.  
Your love was too strong,  
too wide,  
too deep  
for death to hold.  
The sparks cast by your love  
dance and spread  
and burst forth  
with resurrection light.  
Gracious God,  
We praise you for the light of new life  
made possible through Jesus.  
We praise you for the light of new life  
that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.  
We praise you for the light of new life  
that continues to shine in our hearts today.  
We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy,  
will live in us each day;  
and that we will be bearers of that light  
into the lives of others.

Amen.

*Join us here at Hope as together we seek to be renewed and refreshed by the promises of Easter. Take the journey from the shouts of hosanna on Palm Sunday to the somber Passover meal on Maundy Thursday followed by the grief of Good Friday. Allow the events of Holy Week to help you more fully appreciate the singing of Alleluia of Easter morning! Together we will remember and rejoice!*

*Blessings,*

Pastor Meg

(Our schedule of Holy Week services is on page 2.)

## HOLY WEEK

### **PALM SUNDAY, 4/10, KIDS EGGSTRAVAGANZA**

Families with Babies, Toddlers and Children come and celebrate Palm Sunday!

During Sunday School - We will begin with a Petting Zoo that will include a donkey. We will remember the story of Jesus riding in on a donkey on Palm Sunday.

Starting at 11:30am we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for all ages. The children will receive a bag to collect eggs and then the eggs will be turned in at a prize table for a special Easter prize. There may even be a visit from Mr. E. Bunny!

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY, 4/14**

6 p.m. Soup and Bread; service at 7 p.m.

### **GOOD FRIDAY, 4/15**

1:00 p.m. Service of Tenebrae with Rev. Meg Wilson and Rev. Pat Thompson

### **EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION, 4/17**

9 am - Special Easter Coffee Hour with donuts, bagels, juice etc. (Coffee Hour will be before worship)

10 am - Family Worship

Come celebrate the resurrection with the story of our faith with uplifting music and Holy Communion.



# MUSIC MINISTRY

## LENTEN MUSIC SERIES

March 30

Patrick Baker ~ piano

April 6

Melody Wooten ~ violin; Hannah Bossner ~ piano

7 p.m., Freewill Offerings

We will begin with a Lenten devotion, prayer, and then enjoy a musical program.



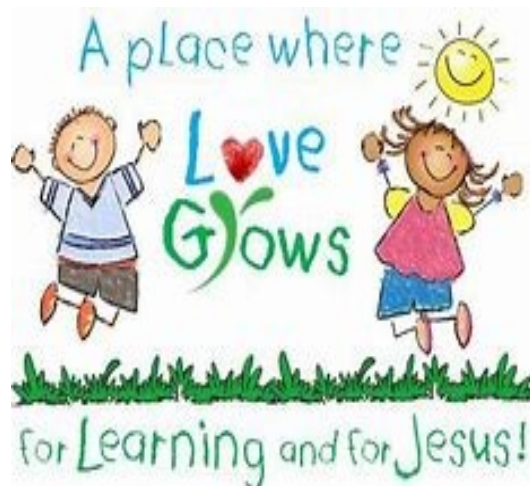
North Oakland Dixieland Band, March 23rd

## HOPE CHURCH CURRENT NEWS

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEEDS YOU!

We need volunteers for our Christian Education program. We are seeing more children at church, and we would like to enrich and grow this very valuable part of our church as children are our future! We need members of our Christian Education Committee to give input on programs for our children. We also need Sunday School teachers and assistants. We are currently accepting resumes for the positions of a Christian Education Director and a Youth Leader.

Please prayerfully consider lending your time and talents. Call Pastor Meg, the church office, or email with any questions. [hopeucc4@gmail.com](mailto:hopeucc4@gmail.com).



# FAMILY PAGE

## An Easter Faith Building Activity for Families

*Here is a baking/ Easter story idea that you can modify to make age appropriate for your child.*

### Materials List:

- Bible
- Packages of crescent rolls
- Sugar
- Cinnamon
- Large marshmallows cut in half
- Cupcake liners
- Muffin tins

Sprinkle a little sugar into each child's hand. Let them taste it and sprinkle the rest onto the dough. Explain that the sweetest part of the Easter story is the love that God has for all people. John 3:16.

• Have the children sprinkle the dough with some cinnamon. Each child should place a  $\frac{1}{2}$  marshmallow in the center of the dough and then fold the dough up around the marshmallow. Pinch the dough closed. Make sure that the dough is pinched close.

Read John 19: 38-40 (Jesus' body is wrapped with spices).

• Put the rolls in the cupcake liners, pinched side down. Place the muffin tins in the oven. Read Matthew 27: 59-60 (Jesus is placed in the tomb).

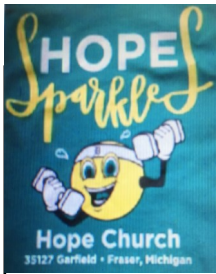
• Give each child a piece of masking tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matt. 27:65-66. You could ask older children why they sealed the tomb (so that no one could steal the body).

When the rolls are done (and cooled a little) let each child have one. Ask them what they discovered. What do you think that means in relation to the story? Read Mark 16: 1-6 (the empty tomb).

Discussion together: Why was the tomb empty? What is the good news of Easter?







WELCOME BACK!!!

HOPE SPARKLES EXERCISE CLASS

Hope Church is starting up the Exercise Class and is offering you an opportunity to join "HOPE SPARKLES."

Both men and women are welcome to join the class. The cost is \$1.00 per person per class.

START UP DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022

START UP DAY: ONE DAY A WEEK ONLY-EVERY WEDNESDAY

START UP TIME: 1 pm - 2pm

The instructor is from the Arthritis Foundation and encourages everyone to take charge of your life and get more "EXERCISE."

The exercises include: Stretching exercises, Low Impact Cardiovascular and Working on our Balance. We use 2 or 3 pound weights for strength training exercises provided by the church. We use therapy bands for stretching exercises provided by our instructor.

What makes this Exercise Class Special is "YOU." All you have to do is "SHOW UP" FOR AN HOUR OF FUN AND FITNESS WITH FRIENDS!

I'VE REACHED THE AGE WHERE MY TRAIN OF  
THOUGHT OFTEN LEAVES THE STATION  
WITHOUT ME!

Linda Hohf and Marge Lentz



# CHRISTIAN MISSION & WITNESS

## News From HOPE Food Pantry...

On March 12th we held a drive-thru distribution day. We served 190 individuals over 4,339 lbs of food, cleaning supplies and hygiene products.

This pantry distribution day would not have been a success without the generous support of our donors, volunteers, and your Christian Mission & Witness Council members.

Please join us in thanking the following volunteers for their hard work and dedication for their work on this mission project...

Denise Barc  
Larry Carrico  
Judy Cole  
Rick Cole  
Jan Dolland  
Harry Drummond  
Debbie Emmons  
Nancy Fay  
Tony Fortunato

Carl Frank  
Tessa Gartin  
Eleanor Gurich  
Terry Hillman  
Daisy Katz  
Opal Lulek  
Brad Lusk  
Chrissy Lusk  
Sammy Lusk

Cindy Malinowski  
Karen Miller  
Steve Neilson  
Tom Reeser  
Lori Sarnowski  
Kirk Schoenherr  
Myrth Watson  
Susan Winters  
Jon Zalewski

## Volunteers Needed!

HOPE Food Pantry is open the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. Our next drive-thru pantry distribution volunteer service day will be **Saturday, April 9th** from 10-12p. Volunteer hours are 9:15 - 12:30 pm. **If you are interested in volunteering it is helpful to sign up.** There is a sign-up sheet posted in Fellowship Hall, or if you have any questions please contact Tony Fortunato.

**Families and groups are welcome!**



## CHRISTIAN MISSION & WITNESS (cont.)





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### UKRAINE EMERGENCY OFFERING



As the war in Ukraine continues, the humanitarian crisis has become even more critical. People remaining in Ukraine, as well as those who have escaped to other countries as refugees, are struggling to meet basic needs for shelter, medical care, food and clean water. The United Church of Christ is appealing for support in the form of donations to the UCC Ukraine Relief Fund. Donations may be made safely through Hope Church's online giving platform by indicating your amount and choosing "Ukraine Emergency Relief" in the Fund drop-down box. As an alternative, you may make your donation using an offering envelope clearly marked with the amount that you wish to designate for Ukraine Emergency Relief. For your convenience, envelopes already labeled for this offering are on the Ukraine table in the church narthex. Donations may be placed in the offering box at the back of the sanctuary or mailed to the church office.

**The crisis is currently accelerating and the need is great. Please consider making a gift today. Hope Church will collect the Ukraine offering through Easter.**

### WE NEED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Toilet paper, 2 in 1 shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes, and women's feminine products. We are well stocked with canned green beans and corn. Please remember we are a food bank ~ we only give out food, hygiene and cleaning products. Also please kindly check expiration dates. Thank you for your continued support!



## **SUMMER CAMP DATES 2022!**

We are so excited to welcome all of our campers and volunteers back this summer!! The National UCC is encouraging churches and youth to attend their outdoor ministries programs this summer since they had to cancel National Youth Event. We have a full summer camp schedule for all ages this summer! We will be looking at the theme of Talahi....A Way of Life as we explore what it means to be a part of the Talahi community. If you or someone you know over 18 would like to volunteer as summer staff, deans or counselors please let me know!

### **Here is our 2022 Summer Camp Schedule:**

May 27-30: Young Adults Camp

May 27-30: Family Camp

June 28-July 1: CIT Camp (grades 9-11)

July 3-8: Transgender and Gender Diverse Teen Camp (ages 13-17)

July 10-13: Mini Camp (grades K-2nd)

July 10-15: Junior Camp (Grades 3-5)

July 17-22: Jr. High Camp (Grades 6-8)

July 24-29: Sr. High Camp (Grades 9-11)

Please visit our website at [www.camptalahi.org](http://www.camptalahi.org) to register for any of our camps. We also have some great discounts and scholarships available this year. As always there is a discount for multiple people from one family that attends camps this summer.

We have had a generous gift given to us this year to give out \$100 to each new camper to Camp Talahi. If you have a brand new camper that has never been to camp before, please email [camptalah@gmail.com](mailto:camptalah@gmail.com) or text 406-855-4317 to get the coupon code before you register. This same donor has given scholarship to any returning camper that brings along a brand new camper to camp this summer. So if you are a returning camper and bring a brand new camper that has never been to Talahi before you will also get \$100 scholarship off your registration fee. Email or text to get this code as well. The gift will be \$50 for every brand new Mini Camper or returning Mini Camper bringing a brand new camper! This scholarship is limited to a total of \$5,000 so register today!!

If you need additional scholarship, find our scholarship application on the website as well.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this upcoming summer!

Blessings,

Kim Harris

Camp Talahi Operations Manager and Program Director

406-855-4317

## WAYS TO GIVE

More and more, the way we pay our bills is changing. Electronic payments are everywhere, from our monthly utility bills to on-line purchases. As a society, we are writing fewer and fewer checks. We are introducing two new convenient ways to allow members and friends make donations to Hope UCC.

On-Line – Visit the Hope UCC web site – [www.hopeuccmi.com](http://www.hopeuccmi.com)

Select the “**Give a Gift**” tab .

Select the “**Give Here**” button

**Or from your cell phone**

Text “HUCCF” to 45777. The site will respond with a link which you can use to route your donation to a specific fund.

If you would like to donate to the “General Fund” you can simply text:  
“Gift Amount” followed by “HUCCF” to 45777. For instance to give \$5 text “5 HUCCF” to 45777.

In both cases you will be directed to our secure payment processing center where you will be able to easily walk through the steps to register and/or direct your donation (eg to the general fund or a specific mission).

Also: (Hint – if using the text method, save this phone number in your “Contacts” list to make it easier to access.)

Your Giving Statement will reflect the total donation. You may consider increasing that donation to help offset the fees being charged.

Any questions can be directed to Jan Nenninger.

Of course, we will still be have a donation box every Sunday. If you prefer to continue making your donations as you have in the past, please do. We appreciate the generosity of all of our members and friends, no matter what form it takes: financially or volunteering your time and talents to help Hope UCC be a church of mission and compassion; of outreach and caring; of vision and inspiration. For all you do, we thank you!!

**ALSO:**

⇒ **AT CHURCH**

⇒ **USPS**

⇒ **DROP OFF DURING OFFICE HOURS 9–1:30, M–F**



## GROUPS, ETC.

### SENIORS OF HOPE

We had our first meeting in two years on March 21st, it was wonderful to be together again. Please join us on the 3rd Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m.



The group decided to have everyone bring a dish to share. Please come and enjoy the afternoon, visiting with friends, playing cards or dominos.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the coming months.



**BOWLING** is every two weeks unless on a holiday. Reach out to Donna Canu or Tim Cole if you're interested. They bowl at the AMF Rose Bowl Lanes on Martin Road. Our last day is April 3rd.



PFLAG-CT cordially invites the congregation of Hope UCC to join in the monthly support meeting. The meeting will be the last Tuesday of the month. Hope has been so good to the chapter, and our mission is to support, educate and advocate for the LGBTQ community. We want to give you the opportunity to join us and see what we're all about.

You can go to our website, [PFLAGCT.org](http://PFLAGCT.org), fill out the form and reference Hope UCC on there. This will put you on our email list and you'll get notification of the meetings. You can email me directly to have the Zoom link sent back to you. My email is [yvon-netad@wowway.com](mailto:yvon-netad@wowway.com), and again, please reference Hope UCC. Thank you again for your support for our chapter, stay safe and healthy, and God bless you.

Yvonne Tadjewski

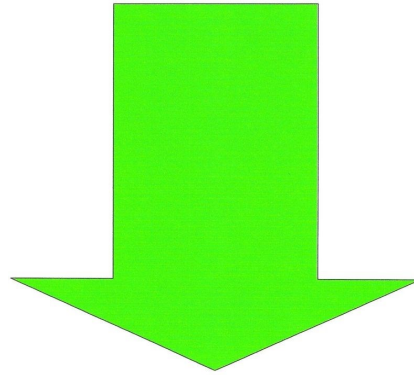
President, PFLAG-CT



# HOPE HEALTH

## TEST KITS NEEDED

Please request these test kits. If you don't need all of them, please bring them to church for Pastor Meg to use as needed. She would very much like to have the ability to test herself before she does a visitation and even on Sunday mornings. She has been testing frequently on Sundays, because she takes her mask off to lead worship. Having additional tests would be a financial savings to her and would help to confirm that she is not an active carrier. Please bring to church on Sunday or drop off any unneeded test kits at the church office.



Did you sign up for the COVID at-home test kits through the Post Office?

These test may not be accurate if they are kept outside "normal" conditions (68°F - 72°F / 20°C - 22°C and 30% - 50% relative humidity).

[see links below]

You can sign up for the USPS Informed Delivery service and receive a message when your mail is going to be delivered.

This will help you get them out of mailbox and into your home as soon as possible.

<https://informedelivery.usps.com/box/pages/intro/start.action>

# COMMUNITY

A poster for a Spring 2022 Law Enforcement Academy for Senior Citizens. The poster has a dark red background with white text. It is flanked by two vertical images of cherry blossoms. The text is centered and reads: "YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND", "SPRING 2022", "LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS", "APRIL 4, 11, 18, 25", "9AM -12PM", "LOCATION", "44001 Garfield (south entrance)", "Clinton Twp, MI".

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LAW ENFORCEMENT  
ACADEMY FOR SENIOR  
CITIZENS

APRIL 4, 11, 18, 25

9AM -12PM

LOCATION

44001 Garfield (south entrance)  
Clinton Twp, MI

**Come experience four unique workshops and learn about the Macomb County Sheriff's Office. Topics will include. Detective Bureau, Evidence Technician, Youth Bureau, Firearms, Corrections, Special Enforcement Team (S.E.T), Macomb Area Computer Enforcement Unit (M.A.C.E.), Macomb Auto Theft Squad (M.A.T.S.), K-9 Unit, Traffic, and the Marine Division. The series ends with a graduation ceremony.**

This is a free program, but registration is required. To register, call the Macomb County Sheriff's Office at 586-307-9311.

# COMMUNITY (cont.)

## Fish Fry Information

It's time to get ready for those fabulous Friday Night Fish Fry's prepared by our St. Malachy Men's Club! Our dinners will start on Ash Wednesday and continue every Friday through Lent.

The menu will include fried or baked cod, shrimp, clam chowder, mac-n-cheese, french fries, coleslaw & rolls. We will also have dine-in or carry out!

Stay tuned for more information.



14115—14 Mile, Sterling Heights (north side of 14 between Schoenherr and Hayes)  
Ash Wednesday thru Good Friday, 4-7 p.m.; At each dinner, drawing for a free dinner.



## A DRIVING NEED

Hundreds of older and disabled neighbors in our community need help getting to doctor appointments, the grocery store, or other essential errands. Being able to get food and medical care can make it possible for them to remain in their own homes for as long as possible.

The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program is in need of volunteers who can provide transportation in the local area. We especially need drivers who are available during daytime business hours – mornings and afternoons. If you have just a couple hours a month that you can give to someone in need, you can make a huge difference in the life of a struggling neighbor. You tell us what days, times and areas are convenient for you, and we call you with specific appointments that meet these criteria. If you are free, say yes. If you're not, simply decline and we will call you another time. Even one more ride a year will make a big difference to the person who needs it! Please call our office today at (586) 757-5551.

*[Learn more about our work at [www.ivcinfo.org](http://www.ivcinfo.org).]*

*The Power of Prayer ...  
Those that are  
Homebound*

NANCY HORNFISHER

MARILYN JACKSON

MARY JANE MASINICK

MARIANN MCCORNACK

DICK NOBIS

FAY SNYDER

## **MEMORIALS\***

LINDA KAUFMAN

By: Lisa Lange  
Terry & Elaine Washburn

NOTE: The memorials for Linda K. and Dolores C. in the March Beacon were from the Hope Seniors. Thank you.

### **Forget Me Not**

Forget me not as time goes by,  
For you can find me in the sky.  
Forget me not for we're apart,  
For you carry me within your heart.  
Forget me not although I've gone,  
For my memory will always live on.  
Instead, remember me in every special way,  
Keep me close to your heart  
We'll meet again one day.



**\*MEMORIAL GIFTS ARE  
APPLIED TO THE BUILDING  
FUND, ACCORDING TO OUR  
BYLAWS. THANK YOU!!**



# PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...

Audrey Moore  
Carol Brzoska  
Barry Burnham  
Nancy Burnham  
Joyce Clifford  
Nancy Cole  
Tim Cole  
Michelle Dziwanowski  
Debbie Emmons  
B.J. Essen  
Elaine Frank  
Jean Frank  
Legoas Family  
Mary Jane Masinick  
Mariann McCornack  
Bob Rayment  
Bill/Elizabeth Rogers Family  
Kirk Schoenherr  
Linda Smith

## HOPE CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Our congregation knows that prayer is our tool for connecting to God. Together, we pray in worship and we pray at home. Please check the prayer list in both the newsletter and the bulletin to help us keep our prayer requests current. **You may contact the church office to remove or add a name.** We also have a prayer sculpture in the church lobby and you are welcome to write a prayer request on a heart and hang in on the sculpture. When we lift our concerns in prayer, we will surely know the presence of the Lord.

Please remember those on our Prayer List ... with a phone call, card, note and keep them in your Thoughts & Prayers. **For those who are silent with your concerns and needs, a special prayer for ALL of you to have the strength, courage and patience to deal with your individual situation.**



### *Birthdays for the Month of April*

1	Evelyn Hethcote
4	Maya Green
	Megan Young
7	Mark Watmore
10	Casey Lusk
	Tracy Magee
	Nina Watson
14	Carol Brzoska
16	Marge Lentz
17	Kent Stonebreaker
23	Cyleah Foss
24	Jerry Marr
26	Timothy Cole
27	Sandi Nielson
29	Chris Alger



### *Birthdays for the Month of May*

1	Patricia Reich
	Nova Welch
4	Karen Brinkman
5	Tracey Steeves
6	Conor Magee
7	Logan Clifford
	William Rogers
9	Kathryn Kildea
10	Lois Allen
11	Donna Reeser
	Tom Reeser
13	Don Kornoski
18	Nancy DeGryse
	Ron Idyle
18	Keagan Yousif
19	Samuel Cole
22	Denise Barc
23	Carl Frank
	Chrissy Lusk
26	Theresa Frank-Mitchell
27	Rick Cole
30	Grace Reich
	Leigh Snyder

### *April Anniversaries*

6	Josh & Chris Alger
8	Bob & Loretta Rayment
24	Bruce & Pam Anderson
28	Charlie & Bonnie Cacchione
28	Ken & Su Hess

### *May Anniversaries*

14	Barry & Nancy Burnham
	Justin & Megan Nielson
24	Frank & Sandy Foss
	Norm & Jan Nenninger

**WOULD YOU LIKE  
TO ORDER ALTAR  
FLOWERS  
FOR THAT  
SPECIAL DAY?**

Contact the church office  
for the availability. One  
arrangement per Sunday.

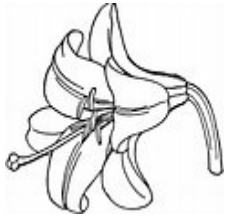
**Cost is \$20 per arrangement.**



# April 2022

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<b>3</b> <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> <u>Worship 10 a.m.</u> <u>Sunday School</u> <u>Confirmation 12-2</u> Bowling ends Easter flower sale ends	4	CMWC Mtg. <u>12:30</u>  AA 7—8	6 Hope Sparkles <u>1 p.m.</u> <u>Parlor 6-7:30</u> Lenten Music Series 7 pm	7 Handbells 6 pm Choir 7:30 pm	8	9 Pantry 10—12  AA 7-8:30
10 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>  <u>Worship 10 a.m.</u> <u>Sunday School:</u> <u>Petting Zoo 10:30</u> <u>Egg Hunt 11:30</u> <u>Mr. E Bunny?</u> Confirmation 12-2	11	12 Board Meeting <u>7:00 on Zoom</u>  Handbells 6 pm Choir 7:30 pm  AA 7—8	13 Hope Sparkles 1 p.m.	14  <b>Maundy Thursday</b> Soup/Bread 6 pm 7:00 Worship	15  <b>Good Friday</b> 1:00 pm Service of Tenebrae	16 AA 7-8:30
17 <b>HAPPY EASTER</b> Special coffee hour 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. 	18 Seniors 11:30 a.m.	19 AA 7—8	20 Hope Sparkles 1 p.m.	21 Handbells 6 pm Choir 7:30 pm	22	23 AA 7-8:30
24 <u>Worship 10 a.m.</u> <u>Sunday School</u> Confirmation 12-2	25	26 PFLAG 7 pm  AA 7—8	27 Hope Sparkles 1 p.m.	28 Handbells 6 pm Choir 7:30 pm	29	30 AA 7-8:30

# A LITTLE EXTRA



**EASTER LILIES and/or TULIPS**  
**PLANTS are \$10 each.**  
**Deadline to order is SUNDAY,**  
**APRIL 3RD.**



Please indicate how many of each plant you would like. Place your form in the collection box with your cash/check. You can also mail it in, email the office, or place in the brown patio box.

**IN HONOR OF:**

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Lilies \_\_\_\_\_ Tulips \_\_\_\_\_

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

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Lilies \_\_\_\_\_ Tulips \_\_\_\_\_

*Placed by & Phone No.* \_\_\_\_\_

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