



Anita B. Darnell

January 11, 1931 - April 3, 2019

Anita Blanche Darnell awoke in the presence of God on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. At last she joins her loving husband, Robert Neil Darnell. Anita was born the daughter of the late Clifford and Foy (Wood) Williams.

She wrote a memoir some years ago and in it she describes her birth: "I was born in Pontiac, Michigan on January 11th, 1931. My dad put his hand on the scale so that my weight would be 5 lbs. At first my mom carried me around on a pillow and dressed me in doll clothes". From that tiny beginning she would go on to live a life ablaze with love for all who knew her.

She was united in marriage to Robert Neil Darnell on January 20, 1951 in Barryton, with him predeceasing her on October 21, 2008

She was a devoted wife, loving mother, loyal friend, teacher, Sunday school teacher, youth leader and so much more. She had a lifelong hope of one day waking up in heaven and passed this faith along to her children: Dennis (Elaine) Darnell, Douglas (George) Darnell, Brenda (Mark) Kenney, and Sandra (Larry) Tyler. Her siblings, Neil (Shirley) Williams, Gail (Bob) Bissell, Nolan (Sandy) Williams as well as all of her grandchildren were blessed by her unconditional love and sense of humor.

If we tried to write a book, we could only begin to tell you who this amazing woman named Anita Darnell was. Our lives are so much richer for having her as our mother. Rest in peace, Mom, in the everlasting love of God and know that you will always be in our hearts and minds.

Visitation will be held at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral

Home on Friday, April 12, 2019 from 6 to 8 P.M. Services will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 11 A.M. at the First Baptist Church in Clare with Pastor David Luther officiating. Burial to take place in the Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Northeast Georgia Health System – Hospice, www.nghs.com/hospice. Online guestbook at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens Cemetery

740 S. Mission Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **12**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)
1005 North McEwan St.
Clare, MI 48617
(989) 386-7451
wymanf@chartermi.net
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

Visitation

APR **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Clare
302 Wilcox Parkway
Clare, MI 48617

Service

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ *She was my favorite teacher at Farwell! So sorry to hear of her passing. Condolences to her family! Sue (Ward) Hardy*

Sue Hardy - April 13, 2019 at 01:51 PM

CA

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Carmen - April 13, 2019 at 08:10 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Anita B. Darnell.*



April 10, 2019 at 09:16 AM

BC

“ *Memory: Bill and I were talking yesterday and we were remembering when Anita drove mom and us 8 children to the lake to swim. Must of looked funny seeing 10 people getting out of a mid size car. We sure had fun on the huge tube though. We always enjoyed coming to your house to visit. Love to all, Beryl May*

Beryl May Chapman - April 09, 2019 at 02:36 PM

ST

Great memory! Thank you for sharing it with us.

Sandra Tyler - April 13, 2019 at 08:57 AM

MI

“ *Brenda - You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Beautiful picture of your mom - I can see the resemblance of her in you. Love you, Michelle Haarer*

Michelle - April 08, 2019 at 09:09 AM

BK

Thanks so much Michelle! love you

Brenda Kenney - April 08, 2019 at 11:14 AM



“ *Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Anita B. Darnell.*



April 07, 2019 at 11:47 PM

PR

“ *Brenda, Mark and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Your wonderful mother certainly will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. Love, Pam and Ada*

Pam Racette - April 06, 2019 at 10:07 PM

BK

thanks Pam and Ada, love you!

Brenda Kenney - April 07, 2019 at 02:28 PM

BC

“ Denny, Doug, Brenda, Sandy, Bill and I are so sorry for your loss. We remember Anita's beautiful smile. Remember all the wonderful memories you have. I asked Mom how she was getting through all the things she was suffering , and she said it was by all the wonderful memories she had. She was right! We love you all and are so sorry. Bill Wood and Beryl May Chapman

Beryl May Chapman - April 05, 2019 at 08:18 PM

ST

Beryl May- Thank you so much for your kind words. Mom had so many very fond memories of growing up surrounded by family and your family was part of that.

Sandy

Sandra K Tyler - April 05, 2019 at 09:34 PM

BK

Thank you Beryl May, we will miss mom so much, but will treasure all our memories of her and dad. So thankful. Brenda

Brenda Kenney - April 06, 2019 at 12:39 AM

DD

Sandy and family, We are so very sorry for your loss. Anita touched many lives, including ours. May you have the comfort of heaven. With much love and care, David and Debbie

David and Debbie - April 09, 2019 at 10:05 PM

AN

I am so grateful for the sincerity and warmth Anita showed my brothers and I when we joined her family many many years ago. She treated us as if we were her own...and looking back now, id say we were hers. Thank you for all of the great family memories.

Andrea - April 16, 2019 at 02:20 PM