



## Charleen "Char" Swan

August 2, 1930 - August 13, 2021

Charleen (Char) E. Swan, 91, former resident of Clare, MI passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on August 13, 2021. Charleen was born on August 2, 1930 to the late Albert and Ethel (Nauman) Fuhrman in Chicago IL. Charleen was married Richard (Dick) Swan on June 20, 1953 in Gary Indiana and enjoyed 63 years together.

Char received her Bachelors in Elementary Education from Grand Valley State University and then her Masters in Reading from Central Michigan University. She taught 1st grade, then a Chapter 1 Remedial Reading Teacher for 24 years at Beaverton Elementary School, Beaverton MI. When she retired in 1996, she became the coordinator for the H.O.S.T. Program, a mentoring reading program, at Clare Middle School that received regional and state recognition. Char served on the Clare Irish Festival Committee many years and was a long time member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Char loved the outdoors - deer hunting, fishing, golfing, baseball, feeding her birds and working in her garden. She loved travel, dance, music and was known as the life of the party wherever she went. Most of all, her heart and soul were her family.

Charleen is survived by her four children: Cole (Angela) Swan of Ithaca; Jaymie (Barry) Martz of Mesa, AZ; Kurt (Kim) Swan of Byron Center and Jill (Kevin) Ripley of Lebanon TN; her grandchildren Seth, Kiley, Kori, Devon, Garrick, Morgan and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Richard, her parents and her sister, Phyllis.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her

A Celebration of Life will be held at Stephenson Wyman Funeral Home in  
Clare, MI, Thursday, October 7, 2021 from 3 to 6pm.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 7. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)

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# Tribute Wall

FF

“ From Kay Gordon and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Charleen "Char" Swan.



From Kay Gordon and Family - October 05, 2021 at 06:13 PM

JB

“ I had the privilege of volunteering on the Irish Festival Committee for a number of years during Char's tenure. It was a fun time when she was present. I am blessed to have gotten to know her.

Judy Brankel

Judy Brankel - October 04, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Charleen "Char" Swan.



October 03, 2021 at 05:47 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charleen "Char" Swan.



September 07, 2021 at 11:54 AM

MS

“ I worked with Char for several years in Beaverton,,,She was a great teacher, and a fun coworker...Attended a summer Title I workshop with her and our principal,on Mackinaw Island once,,,we DID attend meetings but also biked around the island and she was a good one to be with,,,full of fun and smiles.. I'm thinking she probably is sharing grins and jokes with the folks in Heaven now....Rest well Char...

MaryJane Schofield - August 28, 2021 at 04:24 PM

RR

“ It was a pleasure to work with Char at Beaverton Elementary. Always cheerful, energetic and a dedicated educator! My condolences to her dear family.

Ron Roggow - August 28, 2021 at 12:03 PM

MR

“ Char was a wonderful teacher and so committed to her students. I have fond memories of working with her.

Mary Kay Relich - August 27, 2021 at 09:37 PM

SR

“ Absolutely one my favorite teachers. She made learning so much fun. Loved first grade in Beaverton!

Stacey Randall - August 27, 2021 at 06:13 PM

LC

“ I remember Char walking up and down Oakland drive, not matter how hot it was. She also golfed on the same league, Tuesday afternoon. She sure had a lot of energy. Miss seeing her. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. May she rest in peace.

Linda Chinavare - August 25, 2021 at 01:51 PM

PW

*Soooo sad.....she worked with Pat. He adored her!! Now they can have fun again, in Heaven. 🙏👼💕🤗 Hugs to family.*

**Peggy Dillon (Pat Dillon's wife)** - August 27, 2021 at 07:23 PM

NB

*“ I remember Char fondly from golfing with her a very long time ago on the Tuesday night ladies golf league in Clare. I remember her sense of humor, and how much fun she was on the course! My prayers to the family.*



**Nancy Bruce Bauer** - August 24, 2021 at 12:48 PM



*“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Charleen "Char" Swan.*



August 23, 2021 at 10:39 PM

MR

*“ Auntie Chuck, (my favorite Aunt), you will live forever in my heart. Some of my earliest and happiest memories included you, and my cousins. I'm sure we'll meet again with a new batch of jokes. Rest well. Love never dies.*

**marcia reffkin** - August 23, 2021 at 10:07 PM

DL

“ *Mrs. Swan was so much fun to be around. She always had a smile and words of encouragement. I was blessed to know her and grow up on Oakland Dr. in Clare with the Swan Family as my neighbors!*  
*Denise (Tracy) Laboe*

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**Denise Laboe** - August 23, 2021 at 10:05 PM

BH

“ *I will miss the smile and laughter from Char each time I was lucky enough to see her at the school or anywhere else.*

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**Bruce Hales** - August 23, 2021 at 09:39 PM