



Elva Lea Lapham

August 6, 1927 - August 19, 2012

Elva Lea Lapham, age 85 of Clare, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, August 19, 2012 at her home. Elva Lea was a loving gentle woman born the only child of the late Gordon and Elizabeth (Wildman) McIntosh on August 6, 1927 in Clare. Elva Lea graduated from Clare High School in 1945. She then obtained her Bachelors of Science Degree in Math from Central Michigan University in 1949 where she was a member of the Kappa Mu Epsilon Sorority.

She was united in marriage to Paul B. Lapham on February 10, 1952 in Marathon, Florida located in the Florida Keys. Elva Lea and Paul returned to Clare in 1958. Together they owned Paul B. Lapham and Associates, Inc. with Elva Lea running the office and the bookkeeping aspect of the business. Elva Lea was a member of the St. Cecilia Catholic Church where she had been a member of the Choir and a Cantor. Elva Lee was also a member of the Clare High School Alumni Association; having served as its Secretary for many years.

Elva Lea is survived by her husband of 60 years Paul B. Lapham; her children Angela Lapham, Tim (significant other Jackie) Lapham, Sue Lapham, Mary (Mike) Hales, Beth (Randy) Elinski and Lisa (Steve) Thorburn; her grandchildren Jason (Jeanette) Lapham, Heather Brookshire, Adam (Melody) Hales, Brian (Morgan) Hales, Jordan Hales and Trevor, Meagan and Adriane Elinski; her great grandchildren Jacob, James, Jaelee, and Jaxon Lapham; Ryan and Brianna Hales. Elva Lea is also survived by numerous brother and

sister-in-laws and their families whom she considered blessed to have. Friends may meet with the family on Wednesday at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home from 2-9 P.M with a Vigil Service at 7:30 P.M. Funeral services for Elva Lea will be held on Thursday, August 23, 2012 at 11:00 A.M. at the St. Cecilia Catholic Church with Father Bill Rutkowski officiating. Burial will be in the St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Cecilia Catholic School Fund. On-line guestbook at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery

411 Schoolcrest Ave.
Clare, MI 48617

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 22. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

AUG 22. 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Hope Parish, St. Cecilia Site
106 E. Wheaton Street
Clare, MI 48617

Tribute Wall

KH

“ *Kelley E. McLaughlin Harris lit a candle in memory of Elva Lea Lapham*



Kelley E. McLaughlin Harris - August 25, 2012 at 08:21 AM

KH

*Dear Uncle Paul, Tim, Sue, Mary, Angela, Beth and Lisa -
My heart is heavy this week with the news of Aunt Elva Lea's passing.
Though it has been years since we have all been together, the
memories that we have in our hearts have always kept us close.
Please know that I am thinking of you all and I am sure that she is
doing a lot of catching up with Mom, Dad and Jay.
Love always,*

Kelley McLaughlin-Harris

Kelley E. McLaughlin Harris - August 25, 2012 at 08:25 AM

JR

“ *Paul & Family:
Betty and I were saddened to hear of Elva Lea's passing. We are
also thankful that we had the opportunity to know and enjoy the
friendship of such a wonderful lady. We so very much enjoyed her
company.*

Julian "Jud" Rouch

Julian "Jud" Rouch - August 24, 2012 at 07:15 AM

JD

“ *Paul, Tim and Family,*

I would like to send my condolences regarding the recent passing of Elva Lea.

Elva Lea will be remembered for her warmth and kindness to everyone she met. She always had a smile each time I met her that extruded a warmth and glow. Consequently, that smile and her spirit were contagious to those around her.

My prayers and thoughts are with you and your loved ones.

With my deepest sympathies.

James L. Davis, P.E. and Family

James L. Davis - August 23, 2012 at 09:34 AM

JH

“ *Dear Paul, Tim, and family,*

We are so sorry to hear of your sudden loss. Elva was always one of the smiling ladies at the MSPS conferences; so nice, so kind. We can not know what sorrow you feel but we send our sincere sympathy.

John C. Hunt, P.S.

Flo Hunt

John C. Hunt, P.S. & Flo Hunt - August 22, 2012 at 10:17 AM

JM

“ Paul and Tim and family:
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. She was a nice lady. I remember her from the days when I worked summers at Lapham and Associates. Particularly that summer when I had that foot injury. She kept me busy (and employed) in the office when I couldn't go out in the field. Whatever happened to my boot? Do you still have it hung up somewhere?

Love,
John and Cindy (George) Myers

John Myers - August 21, 2012 at 07:17 PM

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“ Elva Lea was a kind, great lady. She welcomed me & befriended me when I first started attending the conferences long ago. She will be missed by many of us. Ralph & Betty Landini

Elizabeth J. Landini (Betty) - August 21, 2012 at 06:48 PM

PC

“ Paul and Tim;
I'm very sorry to hear of the passing of Elva Lee, a wonderful person, wife, mother and grandmother. I hope that you can go forward and remember all of the good times that you shared over the many years.

Your friend.
Phil Case

Phillip D. Case - August 21, 2012 at 03:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elva Lea Lapham.*



August 21, 2012 at 12:50 PM



“ *Angela, Tim, Mary and the rest of the Lapham family. Our hearts are with you during this difficult time. Do remember that when the heartache fades, and it will. the memories with smiles and laughter will be what is remembered most about your mom.*

Bruce and Carrie Hales

Bruce Hales - August 21, 2012 at 12:12 PM



“ *Tim, I'm so very sorry to hear of the loss of your darling Mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I know she'll forever be in your hearts. She was always very kind to me. She let me teach swimming and lifeguarding classes at your pool one summer - what a wonderful thing to do, but so like her to be so generous. Your CHS Classmate and friend, Cate (Cathy Slater) McGinn.*

Cate (Cathy Slater) McGinn - August 21, 2012 at 09:27 AM

SH

“ The Staff of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home wishes to express our sympathy to the family of Elva Lea Lapham. We appreciate the trust you have place in us to help you through this time.



Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home - August 20, 2012 at 02:04 PM

CS

Paul and Tim,

We at the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) express our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family in the loss of Elva Lea. Many of your fellow surveyors can appreciate the contributions she made to your business through the years, while like for many of us, being the glue that holds our families together. Please know that we are thinking of you in our thoughts and prayers.

On behalf of the NSPS Officers, Members, and Staff:

Curt Sumner, Executive Director

Curt Sumner - August 21, 2012 at 12:14 PM

JP

Paul & Tim,

We are so saddened to hear the news about dear Elva. The old addage "Behind every great man walks one great woman" certainly applies here. Elva, in every way, exemplified a steady and interested companion for you, Paul and a great example and mother for you, Tim. Please know that our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you and all the family.

*Peace & joy to you.
Joe and Sallie Bishop*

Joseph L. Bishop P.S. - August 21, 2012 at 03:31 PM

EL

*Paul and family,
Sorry I can't make it to the funeral. My thoughts and prayers are
being sent your way. Elva Lea will be truly missed
Peace be with you
Bill and Elaine LaMarre*

Elaine LaMarre - August 21, 2012 at 05:08 PM

RP

*Brother Paul and family,
What a wonderful and blessed marriage you had with Elva Lee your
wife of 60 years. God blessed you with a wonderful family and many
years of retirement together enjoying your fruits of hard work which you
both enjoyed. Elva Lea was a quiet, loving and talented wife and
mother. Our family was blessed to have a dedicated and loving person
in our family. May you be left with peace, joy and loving memories
forever.
We love you all.*

Roger and Rita Poston (Paul's youngest sister)

Rita Poston - August 21, 2012 at 05:59 PM

PS

*Paul, so sorry to hear of your loss. Thoughts and prayers go out to you
and your family~*

Penny Sutfin

Penny Sutfin - August 23, 2012 at 06:52 AM