



## Esther Mae Norman

September 24, 1924 - July 29, 2020

Esther Mae (Gilde) Norman, age 95 of Clare, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 29, 2020. She was born the daughter of John and Mary (Cady) Gilde in the Reeder Township area of Missaukee County, Michigan on September 24, 1924. She was united in Marriage to James Norman on July 27, 1946 in Beaverton, Michigan. They were married nearly 67 years until James' passing in May of 2013.

Esther graduated from Lake City High School in 1943. She worked many years as a bookkeeper at the Falmouth Co-Op and later at Baas Agri-systems. She and James enjoyed camping, fishing, and metal detecting in northern Michigan. She liked to play cards, read, and spend time with her family. She was a life-long member of the Moddersville Reformed Church where she taught Sunday School, and was a member of the Missionary Circle. Esther was an exemplary example of kindness and Christian love that made everyone she met feel loved and cared for.

Survivors include her children, Priscilla "Sally" (Roger) Zielinski of Manistee, and Kathleen Jerred of Farwell, her grandchildren, Sarah (Drew) Thompson of Clare and Joseph (Kayla) Cook of Elmira, Great-grandchildren, Quentin and Tessa Thompson. She is also survived by her brother, Edward Gilde of McBain, two sisters, Cora (Paul) Goresch, and Joyce (Doug) Seelye all of Lake City, sister-in-law Orlena Beerens of Falmouth, and Brother-in-law, Vernon (Junie) Norman of Harrison. She was predeceased by her husband, son Steven James Norman, brothers, Francis, Dorr, Gordon, and Kenneth

Gilde and sisters, Helen Gallop, Anna Burkholder, and Irene Baker  
Burial took place on Saturday, August 1, at Moddersville West Cemetery. A  
Memorial Service is being planned for a later date.

# Cemetery Details

## **Moddersville West Cemetery**

Finkle Road  
Merritt, MI 49667

# Tribute Wall

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“ Not only was Esther a wonderful lady and a great ex mother in law, but a awesome scrabble player who out of probably a couple of dozen times playing her I can only think of one time winning. You will be missed 😭

Randy Cook - August 06, 2020 at 10:30 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss Kathy and Sally. Such great memories growing up down the road and singing together and playing after school....

Esther Bode - August 02, 2020 at 07:47 AM

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“ Carla Hilyard lit a candle in memory of Esther Mae Norman



Carla Hilyard - August 01, 2020 at 05:53 PM

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“ Jim and Esther were neighbors for a long time I just loved them both. I remember playing cards with them. I would often take a treat to them. My love and prayers are with you Sally and Kathy and the rest of the family.

Carla Hilyard - August 01, 2020 at 05:52 PM

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“ *Called home.....together again with Jim, Steve and the rest of family.* 🌸



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**Rebecca Shear** - August 01, 2020 at 08:41 AM