# FloraBell Howey

October 2, 1930 - May 18, 2018

FloraBell (Warren) Howey, known to many as “Flo” of Lake, left this world at the age of 87. Her time had come and she had reached the end of Life’s Journey. She left us to be with our Heavenly Father on Friday, May 18, 2018 at 3:55 A.M. at her home with her family at her side. Flo is the daughter of William and Clara Warren of Burton. She was born on October 2, 1930 in Monett, Missouri. On June 14, 1948, she married her High School Sweetheart, William “Bill” H. Howey of Flint in Genesee County. The couple was married for 55 3/4 years until Bill’s passing in 2004. They lived most of their married life in Burton until Bills retirement form Small’s Tool and Die on January 12, 1990. At that time they decided to move north to what they called “God’s Country” and to enjoy their retirement years as a slower pace of life. The couple has two surviving children and one grandchild.

Left to cherish her memory is her daughter, Debbie (Howey) Peck of Lake and her husband James G. Peck of Laingsburg, and her son William “Bill” C. Howey of Sears and grandson William “Will” W. Howey of St. Louis; her brother Charles Warren of Linden; her very dear and close friend Don Bowen of Lake and close family friend who is like a family member, Rick McNeilly. Family members who reached Heaven before Flo did include her husband Bill who passed away on February 3, 2004; her father Bill Warren who passed away on May 24, 1985 and her mother Clara Warren who passed away on March 27, 2007.

Flo will be remembered by many for her strong determined nature and by her

love of helping others. Along with her many hours of her time she devoted at the DAV Meal Site in Lake for 18 years where she was the Volunteer Activities Director for the seniors and calling Bingo. Flo had been honored at several Volunteer Recognition Clare/Gladwin Services for the Aging for her hard work and volunteering she had done at the Lake DAV and number of years volunteering and her spark of enthusiasm and go-getter attitude.

Others will remember the many hours she spent all year crocheting hats, scarfs, mittens and slippers for the needy that were donated the Chemical Bank in Farwell, which were used to decorate the Banks Christmas Tree during the Winter Christmas Parade and to the Clare Church of the Nazarene, to help the community needy children every year. She always donated over 150 of each of the items to give out and had many photos' that represented her and her work in the local papers.

Flo loved to work in her flower beds, play bingo, do crafts, puzzles, and also go to rummage sales. She loved Fall, stating it was her favorite time of the year due to the many beautiful colors.

However the HAPPIEST time of her life was finally at the age of 76 when she became a GRANDMA; on December 2, 2002 both Flo and Bill were privileged enough to watch their one and only grandchild be born and were able to hold him right away. What a JOYFUL OCCASION and EXPERIENCE. She loved to hold, rock and sing to her grandson until he could speak and he would say "No Grandma – Me sing for you." Then finally the time came and it was "Oh, My Gosh, where did the time go?" He was growing up too fast and no more holding, rocking and singing to him! – He had grown up far tooooo fast!

A Celebration of Flo's Life and Memorial Service will be held at her church, the Clare Church of the Nazarene, 10160 S. Grant Avenue, Clare on Wednesday, May 30, 2018. Services will be held at 12 noon with visitation to begin at 11:00 A.M.; a luncheon and fellowship will follow the service at the church. Internment will take place with the immediate family at a later date. Arrangements were handled by the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. On-line guestbook at www.stephenson-wyman.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Clare Church of the Nazarene
10160 S. Grant Avenue
Clare, MI 48617

## Service

MAY **30**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KP

*Sorry to hear the news*

**Kathy Penrod** - June 25, 2019 at 09:38 AM

EB

*I meet Flo over 40 years ago and from the minute I did she made you feel like family. Was just heartbroken when I heard of her passing. She was a very special lady with lots of love to share with her family and friends. She will be greatly missed by everyone.*

**Eva Bralery** - May 30, 2018 at 07:11 AM

DP

*Thank you Eva B. for the lovely remark concerning our mother. Deb/Bill her children.*

**deb peck** - June 03, 2018 at 01:34 PM

MT

*I just heard today of my friend Flo's passing. Flo and I spent many fun hours together making sure her Mary Kay skin care was right for her. She was particular and wanted assurance.*
*I also remember searching and searching for her misplaced new glasses. Flo was so miserable that she couldn't find them! I grabbed a flashlight and we tore through her house, searching high and low. Nothing. Then I remember praying to St. Anthony, who always helps me locate lost items. Flo and I prayed and I went home. She called me an hour later that she located her glasses! Thank you, St. Anthony. What I especially liked was the friendship she and Don had. They enjoyed life together and looked forward to sharing good times. They esp liked Bingo! Don was good for Flo. He was also very good to her. If there is anything Flo is doing in heaven, it's knitting! I always admired and respected those sweet mitts and scarves and hats she made for nameless children. Flo had a good heart. She truly cared for people. What a great lady Flo was!*

*Marybeth Tessmer (Flo's Mary Kay "girl")*

**Marybeth Tessmer** - July 11, 2018 at 02:38 PM

*Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of FloraBell Howey.*

May 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM