



## Frances M. Lodes

May 17, 1930 - August 16, 2023

Frances M. Lodes, 93, of Clare, Michigan, passed on August 16th, 2023. She was born May 17th, 1930, to Walter and Margaret Hess.

Fran, a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, was preceded in death by her son Mark Lodes in 2018 and her sister Ann Getty in 2020. She is survived by her son Michael Lodes (Luann); son Thomas Lodes (Jill); daughter Karen Lukowski (Luke); and daughter-in-law Terri Lodes. She is also survived by 9 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

She graduated from St. Simon's Catholic High School of Ludington in 1947, where she was the salutatorian. She then went on to graduate from the Milwaukee Business Institute in 1949. She then moved to Clare soon after and stayed there until she passed away. In Clare, she worked at Lapham and Associates for nearly 50 years. She was also a passionate volunteer and spent much of her time volunteering at her church (Our Lady of Hope), the hospital, and for hospice.

Fran was truly a wonderful woman whose impact and love will forever be felt by her friends and family. She was a compassionate woman whose passing left an unfillable gap in the hearts of her loved ones. She was a woman of tremendous faith, tangibly full of love and the Holy Spirit. Her love will forever be ingrained in all she knew.

A scripture Vigil service will be held in her honor on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 11:00 A.M., at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. Burial will take place Wednesday afternoon in the Pere Marquette Cemetery in Ludington. Friends are invited to meet with her family on Wednesday from 9 to 11 AM. If you are unable to attend, you are invited to leave an online condolence message on Fran's tribute page at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Pere Marquette Cemetery

5895 6th St.  
Ludington, MI 49431

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 23. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Scripture Vigil Service

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## Burial

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AUG **23**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Pere Marquette Cemetery  
5895 6th St.  
Ludington, MI

# Tribute Wall

MW

“ My sincere condolences to Mike, Tom, Karen and families. Fran was a wonderful and lovely lady. Our families have know one another a long time and she was a unique person. Her faith, kindness and charitable nature were unmatched.Love and prayers to you at this time.

Mary Wood - August 28, 2023 at 02:02 PM

KE

“ Mike, Tom, Karen and family, My condolences on losing your dear Mom. I have early childhood memories of admiration for her kind ways. She let me sneak back into her bedroom to dab on the White Shoulders perfume. She was a delightful lady and will be missed.  
Kathy Owens Evans

Kathy Evans - August 24, 2023 at 06:08 AM

DJ

“ Fran was one of the sweetest ladies I've ever met and it was a privilege to have known her...She'll certainly be missed by so many.. My prayers go out to the family.. Deana Joseph

Deana Joseph - August 23, 2023 at 10:25 AM

DH

“ One of the sweetest, kindest people I have met; unless you bad mouthed her Tigers! Thank you Fran for all you did for our community.

Doug Haggart - August 23, 2023 at 08:43 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Frances M. Lodes.*



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August 23, 2023 at 06:33 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Frances M. Lodes.

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August 23, 2023 at 06:33 AM



“ *Fran was a special lady. Always smiling and brightened our days. She helped all my kids through Alter serving and was always so kind to our family. Sending love and prayers for her family and friends.*

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**Gerilou Spangler** - August 22, 2023 at 12:41 PM



“ *Your mom was such a sweet, wonderful lady. My prayers and thoughts are with you all during this time.*

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**Shari Buccilli** - August 22, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frances M. Lodes.*



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August 21, 2023 at 09:20 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Frances M. Lodes.*



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August 21, 2023 at 08:13 PM



“ *Fran is one of those rare gifts that stays with you forever. She always had a smile on her face and something nice to say.*

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**Sarah Schumacher** - August 21, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *I met Fran 30+ years ago when I moved into the neighborhood, she was just two doors down. We didn't talk a lot or every once in a while we have a conversation. She was a sweet, sweet lady and I'm sure she will be missed.*

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**Karen Day** - August 20, 2023 at 07:35 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I always loved talking with her and seeing her almost constant smiles. She will be missed.*

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**BRUCE HALES** - August 19, 2023 at 08:49 PM



“ *Fran has been a friend for many years. Her love of the Tigers sparked many joyful conversations. Her laugh was contagious and her devotion to her faith was remarkable. “Well done good and faithful servant.”*

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**Joanne Dana** - August 18, 2023 at 07:43 PM