



Genevieve C. Moser

May 17, 1922 - July 8, 2022

Genevieve “Jennie” Catherine Moser, age 100 of Clare, passed away Friday, July 8, 2022 at the Pioneer Golden Estates in Clare. Jennie was born the daughter of the late John and Zophia (Planka) Lyson on May 17, 1922 in Detroit.

If any of you knew Jennie, she was quite a gal. At over 100 years old, she has begun the next part of her journey. At 97, we watched her sweep her son, Dale’s deck as if her life depended on getting every leaf.

Willie Geist has a series on Sunday mornings called “A Life Well Lived”. Jennie was 3 when all six kids were orphaned. Orphanages in the 1920’s leave a mark, as she said. She was in and out of foster homes and essentially used for child labor in the bean fields of the thumb of Michigan.

Her sister, Mary, shortly after her marriage, went with her new husband to retrieve Jennie from her purgatory. This was her first safe family setting. At 14, she was unable to go to beauty school and had to wait until she turned 16. After completing the courses, she acquired her beautician license where she worked in Detroit.

Later she married, had Dale and Joanne, and moved to Clare in 1957. Jennie divorced while the children were young. As a single mother with 2 small children, she found jobs to support her family and ultimately opened a beauty shop in her home creating a career which lasted over 60 years and saved her little family. Dale is certain that Mom would like to thank Clare and all those beautiful ladies who showed up every week in her Salon. They allowed her

family to survive and grow up in this wonderful little town. What a safe place in which to be raised.

Jennie was very proud of all her family, Dale and Kay Moser of Clare, Sara Moser of Denver, Colorado, Joanne and Alan Bullard of Cleveland, Tennessee, Mathew and Crystal Clarey and Logan and Emma Clarey of Cleveland, Tennessee.

Sadly, her daughter, Joanne, passed away 12 days after her. They were so connected and needed to walk the path together.

If Willie Geist was to ask Mom, "Hey, Jennie Moser, have you had a life well lived?" She would emphatically reply "Absolutely! Dale, can I go up and sweep out the pole barn?" For you see, when you come from humble beginnings, everything is more and there is always reasons to be thankful.

Genevieve Catherine Moser's family would like to thank the direct caregivers and administrators at Pioneer Golden Estates for the loving care she was shown. They became our family and loved "Grammy" like their own.

Memorials in Jennie's honor may be made to Pioneer Golden Estates – Activities Department or the Clare United Methodist Church Child Care Center.

Arrangements were handled by the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. On-line condolences may be left at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Oh so many memories of Jennie! She absolutely loved all of Joanne and Dale's friends as we were growing up! Her heart was warm and welcoming to all! She allowed Joanne and I to cook whatever we wanted, even taking the time to teach us how to make her egg noodles! Then there was sewing quilts out of polyester remnants that we ordered from Montgomery Wards. On to knitting and crocheting! A person you could trust to confide in, and many did as they got their hair done. We would clean her shop located in the old police station, then into the duplex attached to her home. We were allowed then to do our own hair in her shop. It was the most fun! We thought it was pretty cool. The gardens that she grew gave Joanne and her lots of canning to do. We would often help pick and prepare the vegetables to can. She had many words of wisdom and taught us things that would last a lifetime. She was so proud of her kids and grandkids that she often utilized her rightful bragging right as they made their achievements. She wanted all to know the news as they succeeded throughout their lives. She would just glow as she shared the news! Jennie never slowed down. She lived with Joanne 17 years and together they did chores, canning, sewing, crocheting, reupholstering their new finds. A very humble woman with so much kindness and knowledge to share. Thank you Jennie for sharing that knowledge and being such a kind hearted woman. I will always love and cherish the time I was able to share with you. Until we meet again, RIP!

Rebecca Szul - August 09, 2022 at 06:06 PM

CS

“ Jennie was a great friend to me, when I was fresh out of beauty school, she offered me my first job, when she had her shop down by city hall, she was always so full of energy! She could work on 3 customers at a time, she loved her ladies and they loved her. She was always fun to be around and work with. I'm really sad to hear of her and Joannes passing. RIP Jennie🌹. Connie Stephens Sutton

Connie Sutton - August 05, 2022 at 12:55 PM

KS

“ I didn't know her for very long but in the time I took care of her at PGE she was always such a joy to be around! I have so many funny memories with her☐ I will cherish them forever!



Kaylee Sterner - August 05, 2022 at 09:44 AM

MZ

“ Although I did not know Grammy - I just knew her son I know for sure she was a great person because of who she raised. I pray you find peace in all the wonderful years of memories you have with her and your sister. Our love and prayers go out to you and your entire family. So glad she LOVED her life and those she shared it with.

Maggie Zinser - August 03, 2022 at 12:21 PM

MS

“ Such a beautiful tribute to an obviously beautiful lady! You were blessed to belong to her1

Mary Ann Shurlow - August 03, 2022 at 10:45 AM

JM

“ Thoughts and prayers for all of you at this difficult time 🙏
Sincerely Sharon and Jeff

jeff michels - August 03, 2022 at 09:54 AM

BH

“ Always smiling, always busy and a friend to all who she saw. And a Tiger fan! Grandma Jenny will be missed and remembered with smiles in our hearts!

BRUCE HALES - August 03, 2022 at 09:07 AM

DH

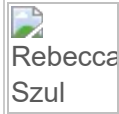
“ We send deepest Condolences to Dale and Kay and all of the Family! May you have Faith, Peace and Comfort at the loss of your loved one! God bless!

Dick & Edith Hunt - August 03, 2022 at 09:00 AM

KK

“ My sincere prayers are with you all as you grieve the loss of your Mom and Joanne. Pat was one of those "beautiful ladies" that loved your Mom and considered her a great friend. She was a special woman. You were blessed with her presence for so many years. Praying for grace and strength in the days to come. Kim (Pears) Kushmaul

Kim Kushmaul - August 03, 2022 at 08:57 AM



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Rebecca Szul - August 09, 2022 at 11:31 AM