



Kathleen J. Brown

April 9, 1935 - June 2, 2020

Kathleen J. Brown, age 85, of Clare, and formerly of Farwell, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at McLaren Central Michigan Hospital of Mt. Pleasant, MI. Kathleen was born one of four daughters to Howard and Dorothy (Betts) Klinger on April 9, 1935 in Detroit, MI. She was united in marriage to Ralph F. Brown on November 11, 1962 in Detroit, and the couple enjoyed just over forty-two years of marriage together until Ralph's passing in 2005. She was a graduate of the Roseville High class of 1953. In the late 1960's Kathleen and Ralph moved to the area following Ralph's work as a builder looking to expand his trade. The couple settled on Surrey Lake and immediately fell in love with the area. In 1970, they bought the Surrey Motel, and Kathleen proudly owned and operated it for thirty years until she sold it in 2000 upon her retirement. When she wasn't tending to her motel or home projects, Kathleen could usually be found cooking, baking, or attending mass and events at St. Cecilia Catholic Church where she was a faithful member. Kathleen is survived by her son Randy (Pam) Brown of Farwell, her step-daughter Sharon (Chuck) Shaw of Howell, and her grandchildren Zachary Brown of Clare and Chase Brown of Farwell. Other survivors of Kathleen include her siblings Phyllis (Jerry) Radford of Fresno, CA., Ellen (Art) Argano of Sterling Heights, MI., and Linda (Bill) Junga of Clinton Twp, MI, and several nieces and nephews. Kathleen was preceded in death by her husband Ralph Brown and her parents, Howard and Dorothy Klinger.

A funeral service in honor of Kathleen will take place at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday,

June 6, 2020 at the Clare Chapel of the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home with Fr. Peter Nwokoye officiating. Friends may visit the family at the funeral home on Saturday from 11:00 A.M. till the time of service at 1:00 P.M. while adhering to current government guidelines regarding covid-19. Burial will follow immediately in the Cherry Grove Cemetery of Clare. Memorial contributions in honor of Kathleen may be directed to either the Our Lady of Hope Parish-St. Cecilia Site or to the Heartland Hospice. For those unable to attend, online condolences may be shared at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Cherry Grove Cemetery

1000 Cedar St.
Clare, MI 48617

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ So sorry to hear of your moms passing. She was a great lady and close friends of my mom and dad who enjoyed her and your dads friendship. God bless her and you too Randy.

Bonnie Cerny Smith and Jim

Bonnie Cerny Smith - June 06, 2020 at 12:43 PM

SL

“ The Candy Lady- aka as Aunt Kathleen, you will be missed, she loved her family and friends, she and I would walk and eat wild berries in the woods behind the house, she would always let us have a pop from her vending machine, she was the best cook, always smiling and the laughs we had, I am truly grateful she was my Aunt and I will cherish our memories we made together! Love you Aunt Kathleen!

Susan Junga Lewis - June 05, 2020 at 01:34 PM

EA

“ She was the best older sister and friend to me, a great sister-in-law to Art, and a wonderful aunt to Julie, Karen, David and their families. We will miss her. Ellen

ellen argano - June 05, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathleen J. Brown.



June 05, 2020 at 10:55 AM

AS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Thinking of you all at this time.



Allie Strong - June 05, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kathleen J. Brown.



June 04, 2020 at 01:15 PM

RS

“ Rebecca Shear lit a candle in memory of Kathleen J. Brown



Rebecca Shear - June 04, 2020 at 12:14 PM

SS

“ We are all going to miss one great lady! Kathleen was my step mom, but more than that , she was a best friend. She was my go-to person when I needed some advice, a good recipe, or just an ear to listen to me vent! My whole family loved her dearly! We would talk and laugh together for hours at a time. She always had funny stories about the motel and people she met along the way. I always told her she should have written a book about her experiences. Kathleen was a person with a heart of gold, a positive attitude, and a laugh to always make you feel better, along with many words of wisdom. I will miss her and will always love her dearly.

Sharon Shaw - June 04, 2020 at 09:45 AM

KR

“ Kathleen was one of the nicest people you'll ever know. I would sit with her and she had story after story and she would always inquire about everyone else also. She loved her family -that was obvious. She was so proud of her son and daughter-in-law and her grandsons! She could just not say enough about them! She always had funny stories about the hotel and different things that people would do or leave behind. I know her faith was strong and she will be watching over her family from heaven.

Kriss Roethlisberger - June 04, 2020 at 09:08 AM

CR

“ Kathleen was a great lady. I knew her from being a patient of Dr.Dunlop`s where I worked. Always enjoyed seeing her great sense of humor. We had great talks she loved her family.

Cindy Rulapaugh



CINDY RULAPAUGH - June 04, 2020 at 09:07 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathleen J. Brown.*



June 03, 2020 at 06:20 PM