



Leila A. Butler

March 20, 1932 - June 16, 2017

Leila A. (Haring) Butler, age 85 of Clare, passed away Friday, June 16, 2017 at the Woodland Hospice of Mt. Pleasant surrounded by her family. Leila was born on March 20, 1932 to Charles and Floy (Alwood) Haring; the first twin and eighth child of their sixteen. In 1950, she married Donald J. Cotter, Sr., and this union produced three children, Donald J. (Tricia) Cotter, Jr., Roni (Dan) Howard, and Linden (Dorene) Cotter. She always considered them her greatest blessings until she had "Grand" children. In October of 2001, Leila married Raymond R. Butler, her best friend. He preceded her in death in 2008, and her stepson Raymond (Carol) Butler survives them. Leila worked as a waitress and small business owner, and she met many people who quickly became lifelong friends along the way. She enjoyed bowling and playing softball with her sisters in many Clare leagues. If you knew Leila, you knew that everything was big, larger than life, including her family, her hair, her car, her jewelry, and her kisses. She will always be remembered fondly for her unconditional love, strength, and empathy for others. She was a feisty woman who loved to make others smile, even at the end of her life, having been quick with jokes and witty one liners.

Throughout her life, Leila lost many family members. A piece of her died with each one, most notably when her twin sister Laila Phillips died in 1995. Other siblings preceding her in death include; brothers Warren (Bernice), Jay (Elaine), Carl (Ruth), Frank (Clara), and Lanny Haring, sisters Donna (John) Colosky, Dolores (Milan) Robison, and Drucilla Bigelow, and brother-in-law

Bob Mitchell. Other than her children, Leila is survived by her sisters Denise (Bud) Way, Glenda (Art) Baker, Lynda (Bob) Hitchcock, Margo (Rev) Benchley, and Sharla Mitchell, her brother Jim (Jeanette) Haring, her brothers-in-law Don Bigelow and Merle (Wilma) Phillips, and her sister-in-law Pat Haring. Also surviving are her cherished "grand"children Lisa (Eric Smock), Spencer, Chloe, and Marcus Lynch, Sara (Todd) and Hayden Hunt, Allison (Matt), Addie, and Weston Hudson, Andrea Cotter, Sean and Michelle Cotter, and step "Grands" Jason Howard, and Jamie (Jason), Isaac, Ameilia, and Spencer Williams.

Funeral services for Leila will take place on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. at the Rosebush United Methodist Church, where she was a member, with Pastor Joe Beaven officiating. Visitation will be held at the Clare location of the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on Monday from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. and from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Burial will take place in the Vernon Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Rosebush United Methodist Church, Woodland Hospice, or the Isabella County Medical Care Facility Comfort Care Unit. Those who are unable to attend may leave a condolence at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 19. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JUN 19. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)
1005 North McEwan St.
Clare, MI 48617
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Service

JUN 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

Rosebush United Methodist Church
3805 S. Rosebush
Rosebush, MI 48878

Tribute Wall

PB

“ *Many years ago, I had the privilege to meet Leila thru her granddaughter and she always had a great roaring laugh and wonderful smile. I still remember visiting the carpet store and getting a big lipstick hug and kiss. RIP Leila, Roni and Lisa my thoughts are with you during this difficult time.*



Paul Babosh - June 19, 2017 at 05:28 PM

Hope Young

“ *Leila had one of the biggest hearts I've ever known. Thoughts, prayers and condolences to Roni and the whole family. Hope Young*

Hope Young - June 19, 2017 at 02:13 PM

SL

“ *Shari & Chuck Reynolds and Tom, Sara, & Thomas Lewis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Leila A. Butler.*



Shari & Chuck Reynolds and Tom, Sara, & Thomas Lewis - June 19, 2017 at 01:39 PM

GT

“ *Gene & Lori Thompson lit a candle in memory of Leila A. Butler*



Gene & Lori Thompson - June 19, 2017 at 12:15 PM

TB

“ *The Staff At Benchley Brothers lit a candle in memory of Leila A. Butler*



The Staff at Benchley Brothers - June 19, 2017 at 06:58 AM

BB

“ *Bob Bergey lit a candle in memory of Leila A. Butler*



Bob Bergey - June 18, 2017 at 09:46 PM

BH

“ *My heart mourns this loss with you, but my memories of her HUGE presence, laughter, hugs, humor and love for her family and friends dominates any sadness. Yes we will miss her, but none who knew her will EVER forget her, now that's a legacy worth honoring.*

Bruce Hales - June 18, 2017 at 09:58 AM

JJ

“ *Julie James lit a candle in memory of Leila A. Butler*



Julie James - June 18, 2017 at 09:05 AM

JJ

My sympathies to your family. Praise God for His promise of eternal life where we will be reunited with our loved ones.

Julie James - June 18, 2017 at 09:07 AM

JG

“ *Jan Graham lit a candle in memory of Leila A. Butler*



Jan Graham - June 17, 2017 at 08:41 PM

JG

“ *Her beautiful smile will be missed by so many. She was so proud of her family and shared many stories and special moments of her life whenever I saw her. Thank you for being my friend Leila! I am blessed for having known you. Love - Jan Graham*

Jan Graham - June 17, 2017 at 08:41 PM

DH

“ *We send our deepest Condolences to the Family! May God bless you all with peace, comfort and Faith!*

Dick & Edith Hunt

Dick & Edith Hunt - June 17, 2017 at 07:46 PM



“ *What a great lady. My condolences for her passing.*

Jonathan Dop - June 17, 2017 at 06:21 PM

JH

“ *Leila, you truly were one of a kind.....a pretty special lady. Loved by so many and they knew you loved them back. Glad I had a chance to be with you before your journey. Rest in Peace.....*

Janet Eberhart Haring - June 17, 2017 at 05:30 PM



Jennifer
Rodgers

“ *Great Aunt Leila loved big, as all the Harings do. She will be missed by many.*



Jennifer Rodgers - June 17, 2017 at 04:54 PM

MS

“ *My heart is breaking. Aunt Leila was such a wonderful, spontaneous, funny, loving woman!! So many happy memories always with a laugh. R.I.P. Aunt Leila you are dearly loved and will be missed!! Prayers for peace and comfort for her children and grand children!!*

Marge Smith - June 17, 2017 at 01:17 PM