



Mary A. Sharp

June 3, 1919 - August 23, 2013

Mary A. Sharp, age 94 of Clare, passed away Friday, August 23, 2013 at Prestige Place in Clare. Mary was born the daughter of Fred "Ped" and Mary A. "Myrtle" (Lane) Burch on June 3, 1919 in Denver Twp., Isabella County, MI. She was united in marriage to Wilson Sharp on January 15, 1936 with him passing away in 1992. Mary was asked many times, who is your favorite child or grandchild? The answer was always "The one standing next to me or the sick one who needs me".

Mary is survived by her children Bertha Mae (Bill) Stough of Clare, Kay Whitley of Camp Verde, AZ, Donald Sharp of Baldwin Park, CA, Dick (Sandra) Sharp of Midland, Jean Thayer of Clare and Andy (Sue) Sharp of Kent City, her daughter-in-law Eileen Sharp of Mt. Pleasant; sisters Julia Hovey and Donna Lynch of Rosebush, Suzanne (George) Moeggenberg of Fort Myers, FL; her sister-in-law Dorothy Burch of Coleman; 28 grandchildren and many, many great and great great grandchildren. Mary was predeceased by her son Bob, daughter-in-law Valentina, son-in-law Harold Whitley, great grandchildren Monica Bails and Kristopher Stough and 5 brothers and 8 sisters.

Services for Mary will take place on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 11A.M. at the Brown Corners United Brethren Church in Clare with Pastor Chuck Malson officiating. Burial will be held in Mt. Pleasant Memorial Gardens Cemetery at 3 P.M. Visitation will be at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on Monday from 6-8 P.M. and Tuesday from 1-4 and 6-8 P.M. Memorial contributions may be made to MidMichigan Home Care and

Hospice or to Prestige Place in Clare. The Family would like to thank all of the caring people at Prestige Place. Mother did love you all. Please visit Mary's on-line condolence page at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Mt. Pleasant Memorial Gardens Cemetery

740 S. Mission Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 26. 6:00 PM - 8:00 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

AUG 27. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Brown Corners United Brethren Church
5540 S. Clare Avenue
Clare, MI 48617

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Jean--So sorry about your mother's passing. I just read it in the paper and thought how sweet your mother always was to all of us when we came to your home during highschool years. She worked for a few years with my father, she was a sweet, fun and loving lady who will be missed by all. Penny Hughes

Penny Hughes - September 01, 2013 at 11:52 AM

FF

“ Our sincere sympathy to all the Burch families.

Bill and Florence (Moeggenberg) Frayer

Florence Frayer - August 27, 2013 at 07:04 AM

DH

“ mary sharpie,you will be greatly missed. love "your brat"

Dave Haag - August 27, 2013 at 06:43 AM

BH

“ Our hearts are with you all during this tme of sadness. But I see that the hearts are already healing when we read of all the many years of goodness and smiles 'Grandma Mary' brought to your family and dozens of the rest of us lucky enough to spend any time around her.

Bruce and Carrie Hales - August 26, 2013 at 01:55 PM

“ A True Mentor and Hero

I have grown up hoping that I can be just half the person that my grandmother was. It was always amazing to me that as the eldest of 17 children with 7 children and 28 grandchildren of her own and countless nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren, etc. Grandma never lost track of anyone. She could tell you each person's birthday and was always able to send cards to each and every one of them until it was too hard for her to write. Not only did she know what was going on in each person's life, but she knew simple little quirks / habits about each person. For example, Grandma was once sharing with me identifying quirks / habits of her grandchildren. She told me that I have always had a habit of saying, "Umm" whenever I ate or drank something. I thought it was an odd quirk because I never noticed it. Later in years I married Mike Gorajewski where our wedding was videotaped. As I watched the video I noticed during our toast that the camera caught me saying, "Umm" right after I tasted the champagne. Boy was Grandma right! WOW! I grew up in California and didn't get to see Grandma and Grandpa as much; however, she identified that little quirk. Since that time I listen for my "Umm" and I think of Grandma each time.

I am sure that many of us have handmade quilts from Grandma. In her busy life she always managed to make quilts for special occasions. I keep the quilt that Grandma made for me and Mike on display in my bedroom. I still use it during the winter, but I safeguard it with my life. I always enjoy looking at her name that is embroidered on the blanket. When my son Raymond was born she made him a beautiful yellow baby quilt that my granddaughter Marilyn is enjoying today. Elizabeth was born 10 years ago and Grandma apologized for not making Elizabeth a quilt as it was getting harder for her to do. Of course I didn't mind. Instead she gave me a lap quilt that she made for Grandpa because he was always cold in his later years. The quilt is made of old polyester material that may have actually been from some of the outfits that she had during the polyester days. Talk about cherishing

something...Elizabeth never had an opportunity to use that quilt because it reminds me so much of Grandpa when I would visit them. That quilt is also displayed in my bedroom and will be passed on to Elizabeth when she has her own children.

Grandma and Grandpa were all about their grandchildren; each and every one of them. As such, they opened savings accounts for each of their grandchildren when they were born. About 20 years ago Grandma gave me a 1962 pink calendar plate that the Bank gave her when she opened my savings account. Imagine, all those grandchildren and they made sure to open accounts for each and every one of them. Not many people make that priority for their grandchildren, but Grandma and Grandpa did. Yes, that plate is proudly displayed in my bedroom along with the quilts. Our parents and aunts / uncles helped Grandma with her Grandchildren Bracelet. When a Grandchild was born the parent's would purchase a child's head charm (male / female accordingly) and having it engraved with the child's name and birthdate. Grandma was so proud of that bracelet and she wore it frequently. It was as if she had her grandchildren with her all the time. And those grandchild shirts that Aunt Sue would make for Grandma were equally prize possessions.

As a growing adult I made it a priority to visit Grandma and Grandpa almost each year. My co-workers would chide me when they heard that I was going to Michigan. "You're young, single and make decent money! You should be going to the Bahamas or some exotic place for your vacation." is what they would say. My response was, "But my grandparents live in Michigan." I was truly blessed to be able to visit Grandma and Grandpa as much as I did. The invitation to visit was always there for me. Grandma would always be waiting with a beer in one hand and a wine cooler in the other (for me of course). She always had a scrumptious home cooked meal wai

DM

“ Andy, Susie and Family, We are so saddened of your loss. Mary was one of the neatest lady's I know. I am so very proud to have sad she was a Special Friend. We shared so many happy/sad moments together and she always got us through. I truly love the Sharp family and I know you all held a very special spot in her heart. Memories are the BEST. Love to all. DeDe and Family

DeDe Mercer - August 25, 2013 at 08:39 PM

JH

“ So sorry for your loss. I remember her coming to our Rebekah Lodge Mother-Daughter dinners for Mother's Day. Very sweet lady. Judy and Dean Hales

Judy Hales - August 25, 2013 at 07:21 PM

JH

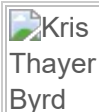
“ as part of an "adopted" family we will miss you also.

Jim Haag - August 25, 2013 at 12:21 PM

LR

“ During my performance singing in the 4th grade play, I was supposed to hit/shove the boy singing with me. When I did, grandma yelled, "Hit him again, Lori Jean!". She was very funny and so full of life. I'll never forget her sweet smile, her mischievous grin, and her great laugh.

Lori Rogers - August 25, 2013 at 08:24 AM

Kris
Thayer
Byrd

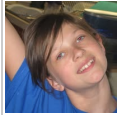
this is awesome! It made me laugh out loud. Totally Gram!!

Kris Thayer Byrd - August 30, 2013 at 02:00 PM

JF

“ *A great neighbor. My kids called her grandma Mary and loved her dearly. Full of life and the most beautiful smile. Never too busy to give you a hug and visit. She raised a beautiful loving family that are some of my favorite people. She will be loved and missed by many.*

jim & Margaret Zinser family - August 25, 2013 at 05:32 AM



My condolence to the family. Father Ray Moeggenberg

Jasmine Cutelea - August 27, 2013 at 09:20 PM