



## Phyllis A. Shields

June 16, 1922 - May 11, 2019

Phyllis Arlene Shields, age 96, of Clare, passed away peacefully at Pioneer Golden Estates on Saturday, May 11, 2019. She was born the daughter of Bertrand and Mildred (Eidt) Maxwell on June 16, 1922 in Clare. Phyllis married Swanson Shields on June 6, 1970 in Grand Rapids, and Swanson preceded her in death on October 6, 1997. She graduated from Clare High School in 1939 and lived most of her life in the Clare area. During WWII Phyllis worked as a “Rosie the Riveter” at Willow Run Airport in Southeast Michigan. She also worked as a cashier for Witbeck’s Foods in Clare and for a short time with So-Fro Fabrics and Joann Fabrics during the 19 years she lived in Grand Rapids. She was a member of the Clare United Methodist Church where she had been involved in many different areas of ministry and helped prepare and serve countless funeral dinners. She was a very humble lady and had an extreme love for animals.

Phyllis is survived by her daughter, Mary Ann (Dr. E.C.) Shurlow of Clare, grandson, Brian (Jenny) David also of Clare, her step-son David (Karin) Shields of New York and their children, Allison, Michael, and Jennifer, her step grandsons, James Shurlow of Clare and Charles (Krista) Shurlow of Beavercreek, Ohio and their families as well as very special “granddaughters” Julia and Hannah David. She treasured her nieces and nephews, Cathy, Jeff, David, John and Lisa and their families.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Swanson, her parents, and brothers, Bertrand “Clare” and Neil Maxwell.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, May 15, at 11:00 am at the Clare United Methodist Church with Pastor John Kasper officiating. Burial will follow in the Cherry Grove Cemetery. Friends may meet with her family on Tuesday at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 pm and on Wednesday morning from 10 to 11 am at the church. Memorials may be made to the Clare United Methodist Church or to the Clare County Animal Shelter.

# Cemetery Details

## Cherry Grove Cemetery

1000 Cedar St.  
Clare, MI 48617

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 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

MAY 14. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Visitation

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MAY 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Clare United Methodist Church  
105 E. Seventh Street  
Clare, MI 48617

## Service

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MAY 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Clare United Methodist Church  
105 E. Seventh Street  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Shelia Parker lit a candle in memory of Phyllis A. Shields*



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**Shelia Parker** - May 14, 2019 at 10:48 AM

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“ *I always enjoyed talking with Phyllis at Pioneer. She was a wonderful lady and very sweet.*

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**Sue McLane** - May 14, 2019 at 08:43 AM