



## Rita L. Laitinen

September 17, 1927 - June 27, 2022

Rita Loraine Laitinen, age 94 of Clare, formerly of Palmer, MI., passed away peacefully on Monday, June 27, 2022 at the Pioneer Golden Estate Assisted Living Facility of Clare. On September 17, 1927, Rita was born the daughter of William and Exilda (Beauchamp) St. Onge in Ishpeming, MI. Shortly after her graduation from Ishpeming High School, Rita moved to Palmer, MI. in 1946 and began what would lead to an impressive forty-plus year career as a nurse's aide for the Palmer Nursing Home. After retiring in the late 1980's from her career at the nursing home, Rita relocated to Marquette, MI. to enjoy her retirement years closer to her family before moving to the Clare area in 2018. Rita was an avid crossworder, a huge Jeopardy fan, and a shoe in for any bingo game going on close by, but those that knew her best, knew that she was most joyous when she was listening to or watching Danny O'Donnell sing or perform.

Rita is survived by her children Daniel (Karla) Swanson, Nancy (John) Ellis, Pam Nitka and Michael Laitinen.

In Keeping with Rita's wishes, cremation has taken place. A private graveside service will take place at the St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery of Clare, where she will be laid to rest with her family. Her family would like to extend their greatest gratitude to the staff at Pioneer Golden Estates for their loving care and attention in "doting on" Rita during her entire time of residence.

Arrangements were handled by the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. On-line condolences may be left at [www.stephenson-wyman.c](http://www.stephenson-wyman.c)

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# Cemetery Details

## **St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery**

411 Schoolcrest Ave.  
Clare, MI 48617

# Tribute Wall



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

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