



## Ruth B. Cotter

September 20, 1925 - November 29, 2019

Ruth B. Cotter, age 94 presently of Rosebush, formerly of Clare, passed away Friday, November 29, 2019 at the Village of Rosebush Manor. Ruth was born the daughter of the late Fred and Hilda (Ackerman) Verrette on September 20, 1925 in Vernon Twp., Isabella County. She was united in marriage to Timothy Cotter on August 16, 1957 with him predeceasing her January 9, 1980. Ruth had been an office manager for Cotter Auto Sales and Anderson Drugs both located in Clare; as well as a domestic assistant to the Priest(s) at the Sacred Heart Catholic Parish in Mt. Pleasant. Ruth was known to be the life of the party; she loved playing cards and sing-a-longs while playing her organ. She was one of the initiators of Clare's St. Patrick Day parade and festivities which continue to this day. Ruth was a faithful member of the Our Lady of Hope Parish – St. Cecilia Site Catholic Church.

Survivors include her son Daniel (Vicky) Green of Lake; a brother Eugene (Margaret) Verrette of Battle Creek; grandchildren David (Nikki) Green of Westland and Christina (Chuck) Allera of Canton; a step grandson Brandon (Jennifer) Becker of Bloomfield Hills and great grandchildren Daniel and Emily Allera, Sherry and Autumn Green. Ruth was predeceased by her brother Raymond Verrette and sister Helen Anderson.

Visitation will take place on Friday, December 6, 2019 from 4 to 8 P.M. at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass will be

held at the Our Lady of Hope Parish – St. Cecilia Site on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 11 A.M. with Rev. Father Peter Nwokoye, and guest priests Fathers Tom McNamara, John Cotter, and Ray Cotter officiating. Burial will follow in the St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to Village of Rosebush Manor, 4210 E. Rosebush Rd, Rosebush, MI 48878. On-line condolences may be left at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery

411 Schoolcrest Ave.  
Clare, MI 48617

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Hope Parish, St. Cecilia Site  
106 E. Wheaton Street  
Clare, MI 48617

# Tribute Wall

Mary Schutter

“ *Mary Schutter purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ruth B. Cotter.*



Mary Schutter - December 04, 2019 at 04:42 PM



“ *Lydabelle Bicknell lit a candle in memory of Ruth B. Cotter*



Lydabelle Bicknell - December 04, 2019 at 03:32 PM



*Whenever I returned to Clare, I'd spend time with Ruth. Blessings and condolences to her family ~ Always appreciated her sense of humor ~ Even though she had a lot to say, she was always a good listener ~ She and Ruby Garfield came up with an "Around the Clock" bridal shower for me ~ What a hoot she was !!!*

Lydabelle Bicknell - December 04, 2019 at 03:39 PM

BU

“ *Bub purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ruth B. Cotter.*



Bub - December 04, 2019 at 03:06 PM

RT

“ We would like to express our sincere condolences at this difficult time.

*Trese (Sykora) & Robbin Harsh*



Robbin A Harsh & Trese - December 04, 2019 at 02:49 PM

Mary Schutter

“ For our family, Ruthie will always be remembered for her noodle-making skills. The photos show her teaching Alyssa, Rachel, and Beau how to make home-made noodles during an August 2002 visit to Eight Point Lake. Love to Dan & Vicky and all of Ruthie's family. She will be greatly missed.

*Mary & Dave Schutter, Rachel Nielsen, Alyssa Jackson*



Mary Schutter - December 03, 2019 at 03:19 PM



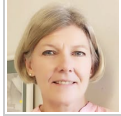
*Thanks so much for sharing your memories Mary!*

Vicky Martin Green - December 03, 2019 at 07:54 PM

BB

“ Ruthie will be missed by all who knew her. We have so many wonderful memories of good times shared with Rithie... And all are cherished. She is now resting in peace and perhaps giving The Almighty all He can handle! We send our deepest sympathy and love to Dan and Vicky and all of Ruthies family.

Bob and Joan Bookmeier - December 02, 2019 at 02:57 PM



*Thanks Bob and Joan, I'm sure you have many great memories before I came into this family, and I know we've had many since. You're right, hope they're ready for her!*

**Vicky Martin Green** - December 03, 2019 at 07:57 PM

CC

*“ Heaven will never be the same with the arrival of Ruth. She brought fun and laughter wherever she went. She was such a warm and loving person. It was our privilege to have her as part of our family. I'm sure happy hour has been extended in heaven now that she is there. Many people have been awaiting her arrival. We will miss you but so happy you had such a wonderful and fun filled life. Love to all of her family.*



**Carol Cotter Cross** - December 02, 2019 at 10:13 AM



*“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth B. Cotter.*



December 02, 2019 at 04:47 AM

BE

*“ Condolences to Ruthie's family and friends. She was a wonderful friend to my parents and even came to visit me once in Florida. Her level of energy was amazing. They don't make them like Ruthie anymore. May she rest in peace.*

**Becky Evans** - December 01, 2019 at 08:06 PM

JT

“ Always upbeat and a fellow "golf carter" Loved her stories!

Janet Terrell - December 01, 2019 at 01:59 PM

SJ

“ Ruth was a fixture at Eight Point lake. She was always a helping hand at our events. She was and is a well loved member of our little community.



sandi jeffery - December 01, 2019 at 01:33 PM

GF

“ Dan and Gene so sorry to hear of the death of your mom and sister. I have so many memories of her from the time I was little until recently. She was also so upbeat and outgoing. She reminded me of her mother, aunt Hilda. She will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Gail Finch - December 01, 2019 at 12:17 PM

KB

“ I want to #livelikeRuthie! Full of vim and vigor, living life to it's fullest! So blessed to have known her.  
The Texans  
Kris & Mike Bradbury

Kris Bradbury - November 30, 2019 at 07:26 PM

RS

“ Ruthie was one of a kind - the best kind. She will definitely be missed! Russ and Denise Stegall

Russ Stegall - November 30, 2019 at 06:23 PM

JM

“ *Ruthie had endless energy. Loved seeing her ride her golf card around Eight Point Lake. She had many stories about Clare and her friends. We will miss her.*

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**Jeanie and Bill Mishler** - November 30, 2019 at 05:45 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ruth B. Cotter.*



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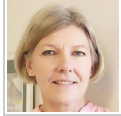
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DB

“ *I have only known Ruth since 1991 when we purchased the house next to her. First thing she asked was do you keep your yard up? I could never keep up with Ruth. She could always work circles around me. Ruth had no boundaries. After church one days she had spied an old chair on the curb. She recovered the chair and it looked brand new. When 8-Point Lake had their annual yard sales she insisted I should come up. I purchased two pieces of furniture. Ruth said we can get that in the back of my car and by God she did. I believe I could write an entire book referencing Ruth and our time together. Suffice to say. No matter what we got ourselves into during the day we always ended the day at my garage, with drinks in hand to discuss the events of the day. Ruth referred it to solving the troubles of the world. Ruth became my confident and sounding board... I will miss her. Love to you Ruth.*  
*Dixie*

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**Dixie Brooks** - November 30, 2019 at 04:26 PM



*Thank you Dixie, such a wonderful tribute. You didn't mention the path between your houses for Moxie, though!!!*

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**Vicky Martin Green** - December 03, 2019 at 08:03 PM