



Clara Elizabeth Fletcher

July 18, 1915 - November 3, 2017

Clara Elizabeth Fletcher, 102, died November 3 at Pine Ridge Nursing Home in Stevensville.

Friends are invited to meet with the family at Fairplain Presbyterian Church, 210 W. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor on Saturday, November 25 at 11 am followed by a celebration of Clara's life at 12:15. Arrangements are being made by Florin Funeral Services, 1053 E. Napier Ave, Benton Harbor. Please share memories, messages or photos at www.florin.net .

Clara was born July 18, 1915 to Benton and Clara Foust in Monon, IN. She graduated from Brookstone High School in 1933. Clara married Wayne B Fletcher on February 13, 1937. They had two daughters and one son, Sharron (Tom) Porter, Janet Kay (Tom) Doyle and Robert Wayne Fletcher.

Their grandchildren include Nancy (Clarence)Korendyke, Kathleen (Jack) Dutke, Linda (Darrin) Thornton, Fredrick (Kathleen) Doyle, Jeffrey (Tracey) Doyle and Audrey (Dennis James) Pritt, as well as 16 great- grandchildren, nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

Clara worked at the Spinning Wheel in Benton Harbor where she taught knitting and sold yarn. Additionally, Clara worked at Berrien Securities, now First of Michigan, as a receptionist and secretary.

Although she gave her time to Morton Hill Presbyterian Church, she later was one of the founders and charter members of Fairplain Presbyterian Church. She served on Women's Fellowship, taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. She also served the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary, the Eleanor Club, Women's Federation, Ossoli and Child Study Club. More recently she served on the Lakeland (Pine Ridge) CCC Volunteer Board and as a representative of the Residence Council.

Clara loved and enjoyed her family and friends. She enjoyed knitting, reading, traveling and cheering for the CUBS.

She was preceded in death by her husband Wayne Fletcher, son Robert Fletcher, her parents Benton and Clara Foust, brothers Zachariah, Benton and Robert Reed Foust, sister Mary Ruth Harrington, son-in-law Thomas Porter, brothers-in-law Riley Harrington and Ira Brown, sisters-in-law Zelma Held, Imogene Brown and Joan Foust.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Fairplain Presbyterian Church choir/music committee, the Pine Ridge Facility or Hospice.

Tribute Wall

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“ Love, Susie & Michael Sallas & family purchased the Mrs. Fields Nibblers® and Brownie Bites Sympathy Basket for the family of Clara Elizabeth Fletcher.



Love, Susie & Michael Sallas & family - November 16, 2017 at 12:52 PM

LI

“ Gram was there for her family and friends, but she was also present. I will remember her love of reading, baking, crafting, Christmas, and those angels who are “so ugly they’re cute”. And especially, her love of our Cubbies.



Linda - November 07, 2017 at 07:39 AM

NK

“ Gram always knew how to make us feel special. I remember watching Cubs home games on WGN with her on summer afternoons. She would spread a plastic tablecloth on the carpet in front of the TV and give us tiny bottles of Pepsi to drink, and also a snack of some sort - popcorn, Pop Tarts, Ritz crackers, or cookies - served on the "fancy" paper towels. That is also when she taught me how to knit. When I was older, I'd sit in a chair or on the couch, allowed to use a coaster on the end table for my drink, which was always in a grown-up glass, and work on my current knitting project while she worked on hers, watching the ball game and hoping for a home run.

Nancy K. - November 05, 2017 at 10:44 PM

LI

And the ice cream sandwiches! Love this.

Linda - November 07, 2017 at 07:00 AM

KD

“ Gram always loved shopping at Marshall Fields. She and her sister went every year to shop for Christmas. One year, she took one of my sisters and me. We were amazed at how everyone who worked there seemed to know Gram and Auntie. And what they liked. And they were a force of nature going through that store! We laughed so much that day!!

Kathy D. - November 03, 2017 at 06:07 PM

KA

“ I went to Pine Ridge today to visit Clara and a couple of other residents that I know. I was shocked to hear of Clara's passing, although I know she lived a long life. I met Clara many, many years ago at Lakeland Nursing Home. I was a volunteer and I found out that we both loved Bill Gaither and his Homecoming concerts. I had many of the concerts on VCR tapes. I would bring them to the nursing home each week and let Clara borrow one a week at a time. Over the years, we became good friends. She was like a mother to me.....giving me advice when I became a caregiver to my own mother. She was a real blessing in my life and I will truly miss her. I was sad when I read that her celebration of life will be on Thanksgiving weekend. I will be in Indianapolis that weekend with my daughter's family. But know how much she was loved and cherished by me. Karen Hyman

Karen - November 03, 2017 at 06:04 PM