



Clara Jean Snyder Hartwig

July 25, 1925 - September 29, 2017

CLARA JEAN SNYDER HARTWIG, age 92, died on September 29th at Hanson Hospice Center.

Services celebrating her life will be held at Noon on Tuesday, Oct 3, at the Coloma First United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in North Shore Memory Gardens. Friends and relatives are invited to meet with the family beginning at 11 AM at the Church. The Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Coloma is in charge of the arrangements.

She was born in Benton Harbor to Sherwood and Bernice Strome Snyder on July 25, 1925, on her father's birthday. She graduated from Benton Harbor High School with the Class of 1943, and attended Western Michigan University on scholarship for a brief time before returning to Benton Harbor to marry Nylor Hartwig of Eau Claire on March 18, 1944.

She was employed by Remington Rand, The Sears Department Store, and spent many years as the coordinator for three beauty salons of the Lion and the Ram enterprises in St. Joseph, Coloma, and Kalamazoo. Earlier employment included the Forsterie Sodus Market, the A & P of Benton Harbor, Stanley Home Products, and many will remember her as the office manager for the St. Joseph YWCA. .

She was a member of Coloma United Methodist Church for over 40 years with earlier memberships at New Hope United Methodist Church of Bainbridge Township, and Chapel Hill United Methodist Church of Sodus. She and her husband were awarded the Outstanding Christian Service Award by the Berrien County Association of Churches in 1997.

Mrs. Hartwig was a past PTA (local and state) president, a volunteer with the Blossomtime Queen Committee, the Twin City Safety Council, the Berrien County Action Agency, and the Berrien County Association of Churches. She was a founding member of the Michigan One Room School Association. She also served as a 4-H leader for the Chadwick School District. She was a past president of the Auxiliary for Watervliet Community Hospital, where she and her husband volunteered for many years. Together, Nylor and Clara Jean served as lay members of the West Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church. They also volunteered with the North Berrien Food Pantry and participated in the Tri-City CROP Walk for several years. Both served as youth camp counselors.

She is survived by her husband of 73 years, and three daughters: Linda Kaye of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Tia Marie Moroney (Thomas) of Ada, Michigan, and Cathryn Ashley Snyder Mock (John) of Berrien Springs, Michigan. Other survivors include several grand and great grandchildren along with her brother, Sherwood Simon Snyder of Chicago, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother and sister-in-law, Elmer LeRoy and Shirley Ann Snyder, and her son Larry Nylor Hartwig, a God and Country Award Boy Scout. Two son-in-laws also preceded her in death, Roger James Borden and Michael John Heenan.

Memorials may be made to: Coloma United Methodist Church, Hanson Hospice Center, and the American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

North Shore Memory Gardens

5027 M 63 N
Coloma, MI 49038

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Coloma United Methodist Church
144 S. Church Street
Coloma, MI 49038
<http://www.colomaumc.org>

Services Celebrating Her Life

OCT 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

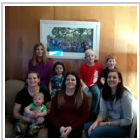
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Tribute Wall

MY

“ John and I are so sorry for your loss. Clara was such a special lady, a ray of sunshine with a flower in her hair. We will miss her smiling face and gentle hugs at church. She was a joy to be around. Our hearts break for you, Nye, and your family. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Marge & John Yetzke - October 04, 2017 at 09:25 PM



“ Nye, I am so very sorry to hear of Clara's passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Mary Ann Moser - October 04, 2017 at 11:21 AM

ST

“ Mike and Sherrie Teed are so sorry for your loss. I absolutely loved talking to Clara over the phone. Clara was such a sweet funny lady. We will surely miss her. God has received another angel.

Sherrie Teed - October 03, 2017 at 09:12 PM

JK

“ We are so sorry to read of ClaraJean's passing.. Our hearts go out to you Nye and girls. We have been pretty much staying in Holland and totally unaware of local news around Coloma. Memories of ClaraJean...always on the dance floor with her smooth dancing husband Nylor..What a couple to watch..Was always at family functions weddings, reunions and never seemed to miss them..She will be missed by all her family and friends of which there are many. God Bless All of you. Dale and Jean Kreitner.(Fruehauf)

Jean Kreitner - October 03, 2017 at 07:37 PM

DS

“ *RIP sweet Angel, I'll always hold dear working with you at Lion & the Ram-you made everyone feel so special. Knowing you through Church & our families too, having Linda as my teacher & Tia was a friend from school. Thoughts, prayers & hugs to all of the family as you begin a new journey! She'll always be in your hearts & memories forever* 💜



Diane Hafer Schaus - October 03, 2017 at 03:43 PM

DD

“ *Ashley and family,*

Sorry for your loss. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Our condolences.

Dan and Sharon Deja

Dan and Sharon Deja - October 03, 2017 at 07:41 AM

MA

“ You could say I have known Clara Jean since I was born. My parents went to the same church growing up in Bainbridge Township, in fact my parents were pregnant with me when Clara and Nyler were expecting Tia. There were several other parents at the same church that were expecting within days and months of each other. When they all had their babies, they decided to form a birthday club. Every year since we were 1 year old until we were 16 years old, we got together to celebrate our birthdays. Clara Jean was like a second Mom to me growing up and Tia and I were friends outside of the birthday club so I spent many nights at their house. When I myself had a child, I took her there to meet and visit them. They had an old tire swing that carries lots of cherished memories. Clara Jean will be missed. She was a very sweet and loving woman, I will never forget her.

Merry Arent

Merry Arent - October 03, 2017 at 03:55 AM