



Mary Claudia Livingston

February 12, 1915 - January 31, 2016

Mary "Claudia" Livingston, 100, of Lincoln Township, died Sunday, January 31, 2016 at the Willows in Royalton Township.

A Memorial Mass celebrating her life will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, May 28, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Joseph. A visitation will be held from 6 PM to 8 PM on Friday, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Harbor. Burial will follow later in the family cemetery lot in St. John's Cemetery in Emmetsburg, IA and cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to the St. Joseph Parish or Hospice at Home. Arrangements are by the Florin Funeral Service. 983-1514. Please share memories, messages or photos at www.florin.net.

Claudia was born in her Grandmother's home in Emmetsburg, IA on Feb. 12, 1915 to Joseph and Annabelle Shea Kliegl. She was raised as a farm girl on the family farm and graduated from High School in Superior, IA. After graduation she went to nurses training in LeMars, IA and graduated in 1935 from Sacred Heart Hospital. She met and married Frances Livingston in 1937 and he preceded her in death. To this union their three daughters (Linda, Nancy and Maureen) were born. Later in life, Claudia went back to nursing, working in Lake Wales, FL, St. Joseph, MI and then as a private duty nurse. She retired in 1981 as a Registered Nurse. Claudia was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Parish and a charter member of the Marion Guild. She was also a member of the Michigan State Nursing Association.

Left to cherish her memory is her daughter, Nancy (Doug) Wathen, of Indianapolis, IN, her siblings, Paul Kliegl of WI, Betty Newland of CA, Elaine Tomlinson of CA, and Judy (Jim) Molloy of FL; her 6 grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren and great, great granddaughters; her numerous nieces and nephews; her special nephew, David (Barbara) Livingston and her close friends, Gretta Van Bree and Al Bulgrin.

Claudia was preceded in death by her parents, her friend and step-mother, Lillian, her daughters, Linda and Maureen, her granddaughter, her brother, Joseph Kliegl, her sister,

Ruth Sherr, her sisters-in-law, Violet Kliegl and Dorothy Kliegl, and her brothers-in-law, Jack Tomlinson, Cap Sherr and George Newland.

Cemetery Details

Cremation has taken place

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
1053 East Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 926-7222
staff@florin.net

Service

MAY 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
211 Church St.
St. Joseph, MI 49085
sjcath1@sbcglobal.net

Tribute Wall

SM

“ *My Mother and I played bridge with Claudia during the time Mom lived at The Willows. I would pick Claudia up at her apartment, we would play cards, and some times run a couple of errands on the way back to her apartment. When Don retired and we moved to TX it was especially hard to leave friends -- such as Claudia. I'm thankful that we were able to visit a few times when I was back in St Joe. She was a great example to me of how to grow old graciously. I look forward to seeing her in heaven some day.*

Sharon Mason - May 24, 2016 at 01:32 AM

BK

“ *Our sincere sympathy to all of Claudia's family. May she rest in peace. She was a great friend, hostess, and fun guest. Enjoyed our trip to Florida together and many sight seeing trips in Michigan. She truly knew how to entertain. Feel certain she corresponded with more people than any other on her route. She knew well the secret to getting mail was to write others. Also know her prayer life was very important and you could be sure to get scolded if you didn't tell her of someone's illness so she could pray for them. Feel certain God welcomed her with open arms to her eternal home in heaven. We have requested masses at St. Joseph's Church in St. Joseph for her, Linda and Marueen.*

Bill and Arlene Keane, Waterloo, IA

Bill & Arlene Keane - February 22, 2016 at 04:17 PM



“ *Your Mom and mine shared a friendship for many, many years. They had a lot of laughs together and so involved with the Marion Guild. My sympathy to you and your family. Peggy Ann Schulte Storey*

Peggy Storey - February 08, 2016 at 12:55 PM

MS

“ *My Grandmother had a long and full life. She did so much for so many. I never knew anyone who loved life, her family, and any sort of celebration more than she. Heaven truly gained an angel*

Madonna

Madnona Starrett - February 03, 2016 at 07:27 AM

DR

“ When my Grandma moved out of her room at the Willows, I wondered what type of person would move in. It didn't take long to find out. I just loved Claudia! She joined our Sunday service at the Willows, but always had to sit in "her spot" - no where else. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and with her special friend, Gretta.

Denise Redman - February 02, 2016 at 07:54 PM

MS

Thank you Denise. My Grandma was an awesome lady indeed.

Madnona Starrett - February 03, 2016 at 07:28 AM

MR

We were honored to be part of her extended family, She was one of the best cooks and cocktail makers ever. She will be greatly missed.

Mary Rimes

Mary Rimes - February 03, 2016 at 08:37 AM

JF

She was a true friend to our family. We were privileged to spend time with her. She understood what family meant, both her actual family and those she chose to make her family. They simply don't make them like Claudia anymore, and we will miss her a great deal. What a gem. If there's a coffee pot and people to chat with wherever she is, she'll be just fine.

Jim Frost - February 03, 2016 at 09:37 PM