



Nadine Helen Deitrich

March 5, 1924 - February 12, 2015

Coloma - Nadine Helen Deitrich, 90, passed away on February 12, 2015 after a brief illness. Her inspiring strength and determination, combined with her wonderful sense of humor and contagious laughter, will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her gentle but independent ways.

Nadine was born March 5, 1924 in Marion, Illinois and was a 1942 graduate of Coloma High School where she was one of the school's two cheerleaders.

As a teenager, she got her first job delivering newspapers. In a few years, she was sewing straps for parachutes at the Industrial Rubber Company. Later, she worked as a secretary and/or bookkeeper at Remington Rand, Beverly Lumber Company in Watervliet, and Twin Cities Container Corporation in Coloma. She retired from her last position at the North Berrien Senior Center just a few years ago.

Nadine was active in her community and was a strong advocate for the North Berrien Historical Society. At various times, she served as secretary for the Coloma Chamber of Commerce, Deputy Treasurer and Treasurer for Ontwa Township, and as an Auxiliary volunteer for Community Hospital in Watervliet.

On November 21, 1942 Nadine married Alvin Hass and moved to the Eau Claire area. Eventually, she returned to Coloma and raised her family in her home town of Coloma. On April 6, 1968 she married Harry Deitrich and lived the next 17 years in the Niles/Edwardsburg area. Nadine returned back to her Coloma roots after the death of her second husband.

Preceding her in death were Nadine's parents Earl and Myrtle Miller; sister's Madeline Schlender and Virginia Shockley; brother's Bill, Allan, and Jim Miller; sisters-in-law Vera Brenner and Betty Lou Miller; brothers-in-law Arnold Schlender and Chuck Shockley; and stepchildren Larry Deitrich, Myrtle Allison and Jeannette Verdugo.

She is survived by two children: Kathy (Phil) Lane of Buchanan and Gary (Carole) Hass of Montpelier, Vermont; sister Betty (DaWayne) Biastock of Benton Harbor; sister-in-law Ethel Lee Miller of St. Louis, Mo.; grandchildren Brandy (Jeff) Dail, Carrie (Aaron) Aalfs, Marcus Hass, Tyler Hass, and Jillian Hass; great grand-children Chloe Aalfs, Hudson Aalfs, and Kennedy Dail; special friends Emma Morlock, Cassie Golomb, Vera Walters, and Dr. Dick Lyons, along with 17 nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. Burial will be in the Coloma Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the North Berrien Senior Center, North Berrien Historical Society or Hospice at Home. Arrangements are by the Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Coloma. Please share memories, messages or photos at www.florin.net.

Cemetery Details

Services At A Later Date

Tribute Wall

CD

“ We only met her once and that was at your wedding. She was a very sweet, bright lady, who brought a smile to everyone's face simply by being herself. Wish we could have known her better. Blessings to all your family, Brandy & Geoff.

Carol Dail - February 20, 2015 at 05:30 PM

CH

“ I arrived upon the scene and became an official part of the family in 1984. I was so very fortunate to share time over the years with Nadine. She was and is a very special light and will remain so in my heart. She touched many lives through her gentle, generous spirit. Memories of her continue to flow and will remain close to me and those who knew and loved her. I will miss you Nadine, but feel so very grateful that I was among those who were a part of your life. Love, Carole Hass (daughter-in-law).

Carole Hass - February 17, 2015 at 09:45 AM

DK

“ Kathy,
Just wanted you to know that I am very sorry for the loss of your Mom. She was a very special person and so well liked by everyone. She will be missed.

I am not sure that you know that I lost Wayne on January 28, 2015 to cancer. He was at home under hospice care and passed away peacefully. I will really miss him.

If you want to contact me, we are in Greenville, MI

My prayers are with you and Gary and your families during this difficult time.

Debbie Kreitner

Debbie Kreitner - February 15, 2015 at 04:04 PM

FM

“ So very sorry Kathy and Gary for your loss....she was a very sweet lady I will miss her dearly....glad I was at her birthday party last summer..💖💛

Faith MillerMorse - February 14, 2015 at 10:41 AM

NM

So sorry for your loss, Gary. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Nancy Hiler-Messal

Nancy Hiler Messal - February 16, 2015 at 11:42 AM

VW

Kathy I liked your mom so much. She was always so sweet and kind. May God give you and your family comfort and peace in Jesus name. Amen

Victoria Woodward - February 16, 2015 at 06:33 PM

KY

*Dear Kathy, Sorry for your loss. May God guide you gently through this hard time.
Kathy Schultz Yonker*

Katherine Yonker - February 21, 2015 at 03:11 PM