



Natalie R. Shearer

June 24, 1920 - December 18, 2016

Natalie R. Shearer, 96, of Benton Harbor, died early Sunday morning, December 18, 2016 at the Hanson Hospice Center in Lincoln Township.

Services celebrating her life will be at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 22, 2016 at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, Benton Harbor. Burial will follow at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Visitation with her family will begin at noon at the funeral home until the time of the service. Memorial donations may be made to the Crystal Springs Church of God or the Hanson Hospice Center. Please share messages, memories or photos at www.florin.net.

Natalie was born in Eau Claire on June 24, 1920 to Gustaf and Rose (Ertman) Hartwig. She married Henry Rusch and he preceded her in death, she then married Benjamin Akright and he preceded her in death and then she married Herby Shearer, and he preceded her in death. She worked various jobs in the area, including Michigan Fruit Cannery, Eau Claire Fruit Exchange, and Coloma Frozen Foods. She was a volunteer for 22 years at the Benton Harbor VFW Post 1137. Her passions included embroidery work, jigsaw puzzles, and the Saturday Night Gospel Hour on PBS. Natalie was an independent individual, but loved being with her extended family.

Natalie's family includes her brother Nylor (Clara Jean) Hartwig of Coloma; her sister Arbeatus Rose Zwar, of St. Joseph; sister-in-law, Marilyn Hartwig

and her several nieces and nephews.

Natalie was also preceded in death by her son Duane, in 1985; and her 3 brothers, Leon E. Hartwig, Erwin Hartwig and Edmund Hartwig.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Services Celebrating Her Life

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Burial

DEC **22**. 2:15 PM (ET)

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery
5508 S. Pipestone Road
Sodus, MI 49126

Luncheon

DEC **22**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Crystal Springs Church of God
1465 Pipestone Rd.
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Tribute Wall

CL

“ *Very sad to hear this news Natalie was a great person and will be missed by many. She was a great Aunt !*



Chuck Larimore - December 22, 2016 at 10:33 AM

JR

“ *We went to church with Natalie for many years. She was such a lovely lady, with a hand shake and a hug that will never be forgotten.*



Jim & iris Rogers - December 22, 2016 at 09:31 AM

DS

Sorry to here this I had no idea.Her husband Herby was my dad

Donald shearer - February 03, 2021 at 09:51 PM

JK

“ *Sorry to read of this News...Always Remember Natalie as she was my cake server at our wedding....Will be thinking of all of you...Jean and Dale Kreitner.*

Jean Kreitner - December 20, 2016 at 03:47 PM