



## Velma E. Adair

May 12, 1915 - April 25, 2011

Velma E. Adair, 95, formerly of St. Joseph, passed away on Monday, April 25, 2011, at Jordan's Nursing Home in Bridgman.

Funeral services celebrating her life will be held at 11:00 A.M., on Saturday, April 30, 2011, at the Dey-Florin Funeral Home, 2506 Niles Ave., in St. Joseph with Rev. Frank Traficanto officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:00 until the time of the service, Saturday, at the funeral home. Burial will follow at North Shore Memory Garden in Hagar Shores. Memorials may be made to either Hospice at Home or to the Church of God Prophecy. Messages of condolence may be sent to [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Velma was born on May 12, 1915, in Paragould, Arkansas. She was one of five children born to John B. and Martha Holifield. Velma had been a resident of Berrien County since 1938. She married Charles W. Adair and together had three children, Charles, Jr., Carol, and Jack. She retired from Michigan Fruit Cannery after 15 years of service. Velma 'lived for her church', the Church of God of Prophecy, and was a long-time active member. There she both sang and played her mandolin. Velma enjoyed watching and drawing birds and writing poetry. She will fondly be remembered for her wonderful cooking. Most of all, Velma cherished her family and particularly spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Velma is survived by her children, Charles, Jr. (Noka) Adair of Englewood, Florida and Carol Mason of Savannah, Georgia; grandchildren, Suzanne, Steve, Jackie, Michael, Robin, Keith, Jennifer, Sherry and Russell; fourteen great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren; and by two sisters, Lorene Drake of Flint and Mary Toole of Flushing, MI.

In addition to her parents, Velma was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Adair, Sr.; son Jack Adair; sisters, Wilma Cribbs and Mattie Mayo; and by her brother, John Holifield.

# Cemetery Details

## North Shore Memory Gardens

5027 M 63 N  
Coloma, MI 49038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 30.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service - Closed 2013  
2506 Niles Avenue  
St. Joseph, MI 49085  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

JA

“ Aunt Velma was always a shining light in our extended family. Her laughter and sense of humor always cheered me, her wisdom and faith inspired me, and her kindness always touched my heart. Her pies and cakes were always a treat too. I was her nephew but she would always pinch my cheek and tell me I reminded her of Jack, her youngest son and my older cousin. She always made me feel a part of her life even if it had been years between the times that we saw each other. Heaven has another Angel and I can see her singing and playing her music in the stars. My heartfelt and sincere support goes out to my cousins and their families. My mom, sisters, and I all send our love your way. God Bless, Jeff Adair

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Jeffery Todd Adair - April 30, 2011 at 07:12 PM

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“ Velma what a sweet person, and what a wonderful Christian life she lived. She was one of the founding members at that Benton Harbor, Church Of God Of Phrochey. I'll remember her for her as our song learder, and her mandolin playing. Most of all how she loved her family, and grand children, and brought them to Church, to learn about Christ. She made the best pie's ever. Always there to help in the Church dinners, with a warm smile, and her loving ways. Sorry about her family's lost. My deepest sympathy goes out to all of her loved ones. God Bless, Roy Tarbutton

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Roy tarbutton - April 30, 2011 at 06:54 AM

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“ Roy Tarbutton lit a candle in memory of Velma  
E. Adair



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Roy tarbutton - April 30, 2011 at 06:33 AM