



Loretta Ann Lay

April 14, 1934 - May 8, 2010

Loretta Ann Lay, 76, of Brockway Township, passed away Saturday, May 8, 2010, at her home.

She was born Saturday, April 14, 1934 in Detroit, the daughter of the late Edward and Annette (Schill) Gravlin.

Her marriage to Clifford James Lay was May 24, 1952 in Detroit. Clifford died March 6, 2003.

Loretta was a member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Capac. She taught third grade and remedial reading for Yale School District from 1972 until her retirement in 1995. She continued substitute teaching thru 2009 and was a member of the Teachers Retirement Group. Loretta was a columnist for the Port Huron Times Herald beginning in 1998 and kept writing for them thru a few weeks ago.

Loretta liked traveling and researching her family's history. She loved to read and write poetry and novels.

Surviving are 2 sons and daughters-in-law Clifford and Cherrie Lay and David and Arnette Lay all of Yale; and 3 daughters and 2 sons-in-law Marilyn and David Hurt of Oak Park, Lynda and Donald Olson of Yale and Karen Lay of Madison Heights; grandchildren Crystal Caplinger, Carolee Dasher, Casie Parker, Clorisa Wahowske, Dawn Foust, David Lay, Daniel Lay, David Hurt, Lorraine Olinger, Felisha Olson, Donald Olson; 20 great-grandchildren; a brother, Edward (Jenette) Gravlin; as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her brother Robert Gravlin and infant brother, Jerry Gravlin.

Her family honors the memory of Loretta and invites you to visit and share memories Monday 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Yale, with scripture services at 7:00 p.m. Rite of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Capac with 10:00 a.m. visiting. Fr. Suresh Rajaian will officiate. Burial will be Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yale.

Memorials are suggested to "Wishes of the Family".

Previous Events

Service

MAY **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Nicholas Catholic Church
4331 Capac Road
Capac, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*###imported-begin##Edward Setera###imported-end##

May 16, 2010 at 09:22 AM



“ *Dave and family,*

Our deepest condolences to you and your family on the loss of your dear mother Loretta. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless.###imported-begin##IAC Employees###imported-end##

May 10, 2010 at 10:23 AM



“ *I was saddened to read in the paper today about the passing of Loretta Lay. I so enjoyed her opinion columns in the Times Herald and will miss reading her commonsense writing. My sympathy to her family.*###imported-begin##Char Weitzel###imported-end##

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“ *My condolences to the family and friends of Loretta Lay. Although I never met her, I have been a fan of her editorials in the Times-Herald for many years. Our community will be diminished without her voice advocating for justice and civility.*###imported-begin##J. Jablonski###imported-end##

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“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Loretta was an inspiration to me. She knew my desire to write and gave me a journal to began. I loved her expression of faith in God and life as a true Christian. May family, friends and your faith in God comfort you all at this sad time.##imported-begin##Robert & Nancy Elston and family##imported-end##

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