



Velma Francis (McPhail) Hayter

September 4, 1928 - March 30, 2019

Velma Francis (McPhail) Hayter, 90, passed away on Friday March 29th, 2019 at 11:35pm. She was held and surrounded with love by her daughter Carol (Knight) and Carol's husband (William Knight).

Born on Sept. 4, 1928 in Port Huron, MI to Susan E. McPhail (Birtch) and Sheldon R. McPhail of Port Huron. She married Harry Lawrence Hayter at St. Stephens Catholic Church on July 21, 1951. Harry preceded her death on August 11, 2010.

She is survived by her 4 children and their spouses, David L. Hayter (Kathryn), William J. Hayter, Douglas E. Hayter (Jennifer), Carol M. Knight (William); 7 grandchildren Erik Hayter, Timothy Hayter (Azusa), Michael Hayter, Trevor Knight, Brendan Knight, Sarah Hayter, Lauren Hayter and 1 great-grandchild Ariana; 2 of 9 siblings: Jack McPhail (Barbara) and Katherine Ernest (Don). She was preceded in death by her siblings Raymond McPhail, Everene Kinnee (Bob), Doris Davis (Lee), Phyllis Twamley (Bud), Donald McPhail (Virginia) and Kenneth McPhail (Lois). Her family was larger than life with enough joy and love for everyone.

Velma, a Registered Nurse, graduated from Henry Ford School of Nursing in Detroit on May 26th, 1950. This is where she also met Harry, "at the last dance of the year!" From their first dance together, they were inseparable. Her selfless love and desire to help others fit well with her nursing skills. She especially loved children and worked for many years as a pediatric nurse. She was an outstanding wife, mother, sister and friend, truly caring,

compassionate, kind, generous, and humble. She welcomed you with open arms and a boisterous and genuine hello. She had a contagious laugh and her smile and twinkle in her eye lit up a room. Her best quality was seeing the best in others and making them see the best in themselves.

Recently, she would say often "I had a wonderful life!" And profoundly revealed to us "This is not my final home." and "Know that the ones that loved you here, love you there also." We know she is well loved in heaven as she was deeply loved here. She will be truly missed.

A Memorial Service will be held 1:00 p.m. Friday, May 10, 2019 in the Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Ave., Port Huron. Pastor Tim Chappell will be officiating. Visiting hours will be held Friday prior to the service from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the funeral home. There will be a luncheon to follow at the Jowett Funeral Home Reception Center.

Arrangements in care of, Jowett Funeral Home, Port Huron. www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

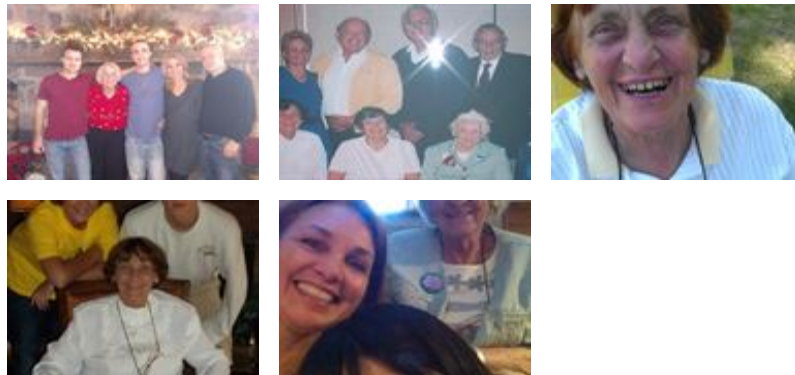
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Tribute Wall



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - May 08, 2019 at 10:28 AM

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“ What an amazing woman. I will always remember her stories. One she talked about often was how her parents helped other children during the great depression and how she helped out too. Another was how she met her husband with a beautiful sparkle in her eyes. I will miss our chats. Sleep peacefully my friend.

Tina Schroeder - May 07, 2019 at 08:59 PM

JM

“ John and Tracy McAllister purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Velma Francis (McPhail) Hayter.



John and Tracy McAllister - May 07, 2019 at 02:46 PM

MC

“ *What a remarkable woman! I only wish I had known Velma longer than I did, I know we would have been buddies for sure. Her laugh was hers alone, contagious and soon you would find yourself laughing with her. Although our time was short we had many happy times together. Visiting Cooks Dairy, eating butter pecan ice cream while watching the cows and the kids always brought a smile to her face. There were times we would get caught in the sprinklers while walking around the building where she lived. She would laugh so hard I'm sure it reached the heavens and even brought a smile to God's face.*

Velma often talked about her life, her family and her faith. All that she valued and the love she held in her heart for each. I have many wonderful memories with Velma and will cherish them for always. My life is richer because of her and I will miss her deeply.

I look forward to the day I will see Velma again in Glory.

The last verse of Amazing Grace says "When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing Gods praise than when we first begun" Imagine, ten thousand years with Velma!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Margaret Craig

Margaret Craig - May 07, 2019 at 06:43 AM



“ I learned some valuable life lessons, had some character building experiences, and shared many memories with you, grandma. From fancy homemade breakfasts to being reminded I should only take what I will eat, I feel my time with you was always meaningful. Getting only 1 hour of TV time and being forced outside, is definitely a motto I'll practice in the future. I hope grandpa enjoyed his free time, cuz I'm sure you straightened him out first thing once you joined him!
We love you!



Tim Hayter - April 03, 2019 at 10:40 PM