



Alpha Madge Ballard

July 15, 1926 - May 3, 2014

Alpha "Shorti" Madge (Lambton) Ballard, 87, of Kalkaska, passed away May 3, 2014. She was born on July 15, 1926 in Harrisburg, IL to the late Richard and Erma (Gann) Lambton. She married Manson P. Ballard on June 18, 1948 and they have enjoyed nearly 66 years together. Her greatest joy was being the matriarch of a large family. She was an avid bowler and loved going to a casino. She retired from Western Electric in the early 1980's in Shreveport, LA after which she opened Shorti B's Gifts. She tried her hand in Real Estate until she and Manson moved to Leesburg, FL. When asked how she got so far in life she would always say it was "cussing, smoking, and Cheerios." Shorti never went out of the house without her jewelry. She said it kept her from blowing away. She will be greatly missed by family and friends. She is survived her husband Manson; son Leslie (Gladys) Ballard of Kalkaska; three granddaughters: Laurie (Joe) Palomino of Arlington, TX, Kimberly Ballard of Kalkaska, and Jennyfer (Brandon) Neff of Sunset, TX. Three step grandsons: Donald (Alice) Straughen of Kalkaska, David Straughen and Douglas (Jennell) Straughen, both of Traverse City; her sister Shirley (Steve) Hopkins of Leesburg, FL; numerous great grandchildren; three great great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and five siblings. Visitation will be from 10am-12pm on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at Kalkaska Funeral Home. The funeral service will begin at 12:00 pm following visitation. Burial will take place at Evergreen Cemetery in Kalkaska. Arrangements were entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation

Services.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

272 West St.
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Previous Events

Final Visitation

MAY 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S. Cedar
Kalkaska, MI 49646
(231) 258-3346

Service

MAY 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S Cedar St
P.O. Box 1457
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Tribute Wall

 Mary Slick

“Alpha you were such a pleasure to care for at KMHC. I loved your spunk and your beautiful smile. I celebrate your life! May God comfort your family.

Mary Slick - May 19, 2014 at 11:29 AM

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“Mary Carroll Lambton (Lattig) lit a candle in memory of Alpha Madge Ballard



Mary Carroll Lambton (Lattig) - May 07, 2014 at 02:12 PM

MF

“Mark Hopkins and Family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Alpha Madge Ballard.



Mark Hopkins and Family - May 06, 2014 at 07:58 PM

DM

“My heart goes out to Mrs. B's family, another angel got her wings. She was one of my favorite guests, always brightened my day with a big ole hug! I will truly miss her quick wit and great smile. Prayers to all, Dixie Miller

Dixie Miller - May 06, 2014 at 02:17 PM

SH

“ Shirley f. H. purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Alpha Madge Ballard.



Shirley f. H. - May 05, 2014 at 12:55 PM

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“ DEAR BALLARD FAMILY,
SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF MADGE. ALTHOUGH WE ONLY MET HER THE ONCE AT JENNYFER AND BRANDON'S WEDDING WE WERE IMPRESSED BY HER WHIT AND SPUNK. SHE SURE DID LOVE HER FAMILY. AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE GREAT FUDGE EVERY YEAR WHEN SHE WOULD SEND IT TO JENNYFER AND IT HAD NUTS AND WE WOULD INHERIT IT. YUM. WE PROMISE TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF JENNY FOR HER AND MAKE HER PROUD.
LOVE AND PRAYERS TO ALL
NANCY AND GLEN NEFF- SUNSET, TEXAS

NANCY NEFF - May 05, 2014 at 12:06 PM

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Aunt Madge lived a good life. I will always remember her.

Mary Carroll Lambton (Lattig) - May 07, 2014 at 02:11 PM