



Gladys May Fankhauser

October 20, 1933 - April 5, 2023

Gladys May Fankhauser, 89, of South Boardman, passed away on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. She was born to John and Opal (Eichhorn) Rhodes in Clare, Michigan on October 20, 1933. Gladys graduated from Beaverton High School in 1952 and then worked at Clare Carburetor. She was married to the love of her life, Stanley Fankhauser, for 67 years until his passing on July 14, 2022. In 1975 they moved from Cedar Springs to Fife Lake. She worked at Forest Area Community Schools as a special needs aide until her retirement in 1992. Gladys enjoyed traveling, decorating, and antiquing. She always had fun with arts and crafts, including building birdhouses and mosaic flowerpots. She loved to collect rocks and pinecones. Gladys will be lovingly remembered by her children Steven (Sue) Fankhauser, Bryan Fankhauser and Janet Gilman; grandchildren Nathan (Rebecca) Fankhauser and Stephanie Billmaier; great-grandchildren Abigail and Waylon Fankhauser; sister-in-law Rea Rae Rhodes; and many extended family members on the Rhodes and Fankhauser sides. She was preceded in death by her husband Stanley. A funeral service for Gladys will be held at Kalkaska Funeral Home at 1:00 pm on Monday, April 10, 2023, with Pastor Jacob Terry of Fife Lake Baptist Church officiating. Gladys will be laid to rest next to her beloved husband Stanley in Garfield Township Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Garfield Township Cemetery

0466 W Sharon Rd SE
Fife Lake, MI 49633

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR **10**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ Will miss Gladys & Stan they were like sister & brother had lots of fun w love Rea Rae Rhodes

Rea Rhodes - April 10, 2023 at 11:33 AM

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“ Aunt Gladys was always so sweet. Always enjoyed our time together in Michigan or Texas. Shared their 50th anniversary at our house. Love, Heather Rhodes Langehennig.

Heather Rhodes Langehennig - April 09, 2023 at 07:05 PM

DJ

“ A lot of fun times working together. Maybe a little mischief too. From some of our little ones asking us not to sing...to me telling teasing her that her kids would be eating pizza off of her Bradford Exchange plates. Rest my friend.

Diane Jasper - April 07, 2023 at 11:06 AM

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“ Denise, Denny, Marcia, Darice, Doug&Ryan purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gladys May Fankhauser.



Denise, Denny, Marcia, Darice, Doug&Ryan - April 07, 2023 at 10:02 AM