



Sylvia Diane Longfield

December 17, 1931 - June 25, 2015

Sylvia Diane Longfield directed her last choir at home in Kalkaska surrounded by her family. She was born December 17, 1931 in Detroit, the daughter of the late Henry and Sybel (Dewey) LaClare. She attended Redford High school in Detroit graduating in 1950. On April 12, 1952 Sylvia LaClare married Donald Arthur Longfield who worked as a Tool Maker for Fisher Body. Later, Sylvia worked as an IBM Key Punch operator for the Sunbeam Corporation in Berwyn, Illinois, University Hospital and Park Davis in Ann Arbor, Michigan, when Donald received his DDS from U of M.

In Kalkaska, Sylvia concentrated on being a home maker but still worked part time in the dental office as a clerk. She has hosted an annual Ladies Christmas Luncheon including preparation of all the food for thirty women since 1970. Since 1995 Sylvia has chaired CD sales, house seating and usher services for the Annual June Night of Harmony performances of the Traverse City Cherry Capital Chorus at Interlochen. She was executive secretary for Blossoming Rose from 1985-2003. She shared the Kalkaska Citizen of the year 1977 with husband Donald. She was director of two children's choirs at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor and directed Adult Choir at People's Church in Kalkaska. She sang and recorded with the Northern Aires Trio and The Long and The Short of It quartette, as well as formed and directed the Trebelles -the Kalkaska centennial chorus in 1971. Sylvia was a private pilot and accompanied and assisted Donald in all work out of the

country, as well as flying friends around the State and flying lady friends from Treasure Island of the Abaco's in the Bahamas to Freeport to shop at the International Bazaar.

Sylvia is survived by her husband of sixty three years, Donald. Three Children: Laura Louise (Ronald) Reinhold of Williamsburg, Bruce Douglas Longfield of Kalkaska and Katsue Egawa (Ken) Hokura of Tokyo, Japan; Grandchildren: Jabin (Laura Elizabeth), Dacia (David Murray), Chie (Daisuke Yamada), Hannah, Jenica, Jael and Grace; Great Grandchildren: Caleb, Momoe, Isaac, and Levi and many nephews of the Laclare, Karr and Longfield family.

She was also preceded in death by: Sister Gwenlaurie Karr, Brother Henry Harrison LaClare.

Cremation has taken place at Oak Grove Cemetery in Manistee with final internment in the Lodi Cemetery in Orange Township - Kalkaska, Michigan. Those wishing to remember Sylvia may make a donation to the Cornerstone Community Bible Church. Envelopes will be available at the service.

Memorial services for Sylvia Longfield will be held July 11, 2015 at 2:00 PM at the Kalkaska Funeral Home 152 S. Cedar St. with Pastor Richard VanBeek officiating. Visitation will take place at 12:00-2:00 pm with luncheon following at the same address.

Cemetery Details

Lodi Cemetery

5219 M-66
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Previous Events

Final Visitation

JUL 11. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Memorial Service

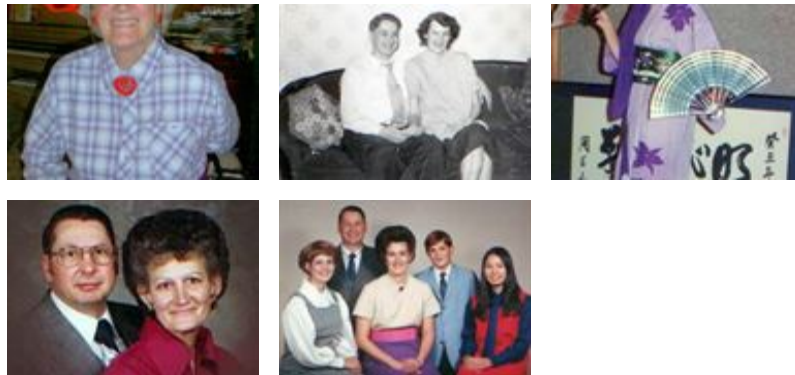
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Tribute Wall



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Kalkaska Funeral Home - July 10, 2015 at 10:43 AM

DO

“ My memories of Mrs. Longfield are very dear to my heart, back in 1972 I was invited by a friend to join them at the People's Church after school to sing, that is where I learned the songs about Jesus, her smile lit up the room and as she sat confidently at the piano, our attention was totally on her, the little pieces of heaven she put in my heart each week was a seed planted only to eventually be harvested for God's kingdom, the song by Ray Boltz says it all, Thank you for giving to the LORD, I am a life that was changed, thank you for giving to the LORD, I am so glad you gave" you saw a need and so sweetly gave of yourself sacrificially to bring in souls for heaven.

My life is lived fully with Christ in the center of it and I often think of what you did to foster that sweet relationship I now have with the Jesus you taught us to sing about. You are in glory now and I will one day see you there. Well done! I rise and call you blessed Mrs. Longfield. Dodi B.

Dodi - July 06, 2015 at 07:19 PM

JC

“ Dear Laura and family,
So sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. She was always a treat to be with and such a smart, generous, and beautiful lady! We will keep you all in our prayers.

Love and prayers,

Jayne and family

jayne cauthen - July 02, 2015 at 03:42 PM

MS

“ Sylvia I know you will be singing in Heaven! You were always a lady of grace and calmness and will be missed by so many. We celebrate your life! May God Comfort your family!

Mary Slick - July 01, 2015 at 05:45 PM


Pamela
Borgen

“ Sylvia was a true lady and always made us feel comfortable when visiting with them. She always willing to share her knowledge and experiences with us. I learned that is always best to harvest grapes and make her famous grape jelly after a good freeze from Sylvia, although her jelly was better than mine. lol I also learned about using cardamom in different recipes from Sylvia. She was an extraordinary woman and will be missed in our neighborhood and our town. God Bless.

Pamela Borgen - July 01, 2015 at 05:59 AM