



## Charlotte E. Kirchen

December 21, 1929 - November 2, 2016

Charlotte E. Kirchen of Lake Odessa a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend passed away November 2, 2016. Charlotte was born December 21, 1929 in Grand Ledge to the late William and Ruby (Maxson) Foster. As a young woman Charlotte worked with her step-father in the Grand Ledge Chair Factory but after she married and had children she stayed home to raise her family. Charlotte was known for being resourceful and made various household items like bread wrapper rugs and tin can stools that many of her family now have as cherished keepsakes.

She is survived by children, Craig, Brenda Bippely, Brian (Pat Garrett), Mark; 10 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; brother, Darwin (Christina DeLand) Foster; half-brother, Doug Maxson and half-sister, Marletta Foster. Charlotte was preceded in death by husband Paul A.; infant son, Dennis; daughter, Paula S. Kirchen; half-sister, Janice "Toots" Selby and half-brother, Bud Shaw. A funeral service will be held Monday, November 7, 2016, 11am at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with Pastor PJ Horn, officiating. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation Sunday from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to the Grand Ledge Church of the Nazarene, 3432 Jefferson Highway, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837 or U of M Comprehensive Cancer Center, UMHS Medical Development and Alumni Relations, 100 Oakbrook, Suite 100, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Visitation

NOV 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

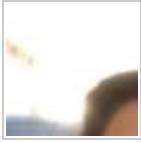
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## Service

NOV 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ My grandmother was the sweetest, kindest most forgiving woman I have ever known. She knew how to balance things and when she didn't have the answers she consulted her thinking chair and God. If she didn't know something she learned it by trying until she just could do it. I remember the pea canning incident, even though they turned to soup, we just kept canning. My grandmother taught me to sew, to grow things, to cook, to preserve food, to be fair, she taught me what a Lady acts like (even though I didn't always) she taught me how to recycle and repurpose, refinishing all kinds of things, she taught me to read- to talk, to appreciate everything. She taught me to love and to forgive by being the example and leader in her quiet ways- she told me stories of her life and NEVER not once did she let us see her pain. She held it quietly. She enforced the power of prayer and church by leading the example even if she was alone in her venture - Here's what I didn't learn from her ... How to be without her, Its been a comfort no matter how far away I live to know she's busy tending her garden, crocheting and guiding all of us through her example of beauty and was she ever the most beautiful person - I'm so broken hearted I feel sick .... I wonder what she's teaching the Angels ... I will never love or respect anyone more than you grandma, There are not big enough words to thank you for everything you gave to us especially your time and careful teachings- I love you – Your granddaughter Amy



amy - November 05, 2016 at 11:35 AM



*Beautifully said*

Jamie Owen - November 07, 2016 at 04:18 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charlotte E. Kirchen.*



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November 02, 2016 at 04:26 PM