



## Lavidia Cundiff

June 7, 1924 - April 11, 2021

Lavidia A. Cundiff passed at her home April 11th surrounded by her loving family. Born June 7, 1924 in Grand Ledge to the late Joseph and Lucia (Belsito) Preston. Lavidia as the oldest living of 6 Preston children represents an end of an era for the Preston family. She was an icon to the city of Grand Ledge. For 96 years she loved this town, so many people knew her and were touched by her passion for life. Often people would be surprised that after only meeting her one time she would remember their name. She will be remembered for her wonderful positive attitude and great sense of humor. She lived life to the fullest, her energy and love for her family and friends was contagious.

She is survived by her son, Harold (Kimberly) Olds; step-daughter, Sheri (Ira) Weintraub; grandchildren, Matt (Karmin) Olds, Elizabeth (Josh) Grant and Tony (Maggie) Olds; great grandchildren, David, Jacob, Tommy, Kara, Charlie, Molly, Natalie, Gabe, Emma, Riley and Reagan; Lavidia was preceded in death by her husband, John in 2010, siblings, Anna Olds, Dorothy Sollid, Gina Simmons, Dilly Love and Victor Preston.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 11:00 am at St. Michael Catholic Church by The Reverend Father James Eisele. You may watch the funeral mass for Lavidia at 11:00 am Tuesday on the St. Michael Church YouTube channel at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UrmtASH3GPw>. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 1-4:00 pm and 6-9:00 pm at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay

Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Covid protocols requiring masks, social distancing and capacity limitations will be observed at the funeral home and church. Memorial contributions in Lavidia's name may be given to the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48906 (<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=cahsad&id=23>).

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

299 Halbert Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 19. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
406 N. Bridge Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837  
(517) 627-2531  
jasonbarclay@holihanatkin.com  
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## Visitation

APR 19. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

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APR **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church  
345 Edwards Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Tribute Wall

BW

“ So sorry, hugs and prayers to the family. She was a fun, great friend for years, lots of great memories

Bev Duguid Wickman - June 24, 2021 at 06:10 PM

JD

“ We are very saddened to learn of Lavita's passing. We were her neighbors right across the street for over 40 years. My mom, Helen and her were good friends. Lavita, you will be missed. May her soul rest in peace.



jdroste1@hotmail.com - April 20, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lavidia Cundiff.



April 19, 2021 at 06:39 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lavidia Cundiff.



April 18, 2021 at 09:52 AM

KR

“ *Mama Lavida,  
Today marks a week since you went to heaven, I know you are healthy, wholly yourself once again dancing with the Angels, united with all who have gone before you. Though we will miss having you here we’ve been blessed to of had you in our lives! You’re forever in my heart and I am a better person to of known you. Know I’ll take care of Harold, you have no worries of that. Peace be with you, God bless you.*

*Your “daughter” Kimberly*

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**Kimberly Raycraft** - April 18, 2021 at 08:57 AM

JH

“ *Harold, Doug & I will miss your mom with all our hearts. Last year because of COVID we were unable to visit Grand Ledge and Lavida and Linda and now they are gone. We always loved to visit with Lavida and will truly miss her. Take care and we hope your family is well.*

*Love Cricket and Doug*

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**Janice Hillock** - April 16, 2021 at 02:18 PM

FM

“ *Wow truly an end of an era is right. Lavida is a grand lady part of the fabric of Grand Ledge for so long. My thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time of sadness which is also a time of hope as we place our trust in the Risen Lord.*

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**Fr Bob McGraw** - April 15, 2021 at 12:27 PM

GM

“ My Sweet Aunt Laida , You were always laughing and hugging and kissing us when we were little . You were a joy and a blessing to our family . You and Aunt Anna were such great cooks . I Love You and I will miss you sooo much . Praying for your reunion in Heaven with the rest of the family already there . Love Georgiana (Olds) Minton

Georgiana Minton - April 14, 2021 at 08:14 PM

HC

“ Dear, dear Laida. I will always remember when my brother John died. We stayed at your home as there were no motels in your town. The evening before the funeral your granddaughters got all the great grandkids together, dressed them in white (as I recall) and they all came in carrying a white rose . . . presented the bouquet to you . . . said goodbye and left. It was the sweetest thing I have yet to see to this day. Your life w/my brother couldn't have been easy for you but you stuck by him and gave him the only real home he ever knew. Rest in peace sweet lady. Helen Crawford

helen crawford - April 14, 2021 at 09:06 AM

SH

Thank you for the sweet message, aunt Helen.

sheri - April 16, 2021 at 05:45 PM

S(

“ Aunt Laida always had a smile and her laughter filled the room! A very sweet person 💕🙏

Stephanie Bishop (Olds) - April 13, 2021 at 10:48 PM

JS

“ I have lived across Clark Street from this "LADY" since April of 1974. She was the sweetest person you could have for a friend and neighbor. I used to mow the lawn lawn and remove snow for her and John and would not let them pay me for the gas or labor. .Lavida knew my mother and my wife from years of bowling together. Some how she learned that I love Lemon Meringue pie so she started making them for me on nearly a monthly basis. She would give me a hug and a kiss every time we would see each other.

I will be greatly missed by anyone she was close to. To her family I am truly Sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Jan H Sabin

Jan H Sabin - April 13, 2021 at 09:10 PM

SS

“ She had a last name? We all knew her as aunt Laida. Her family was an example of the love, care and respect you give elderly family members, and in so doing have so many happy memories and pictures. I like to think of her “dancing”.

Sandy Hough Sipes - April 12, 2021 at 05:27 PM

RB

“ I always loved Laida, she was a special lady. The very last now of the Preston girls!  
Our sympathies to the family.  
RoAnne Ewing Brokob

RoAnne Brokob - April 12, 2021 at 04:09 PM

DH

“ *My Mom and I bowled with this sweet lady. You were a bright spot in Grand Ledge and will be missed.* ❤️

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**Debra Hansbarger** - April 11, 2021 at 04:38 PM