



Lenore E. "Lu" Edwards

October 17, 1927 - August 19, 2019

Lenore E. "Lu" Edwards, 91, of Aurora, passed away on Monday, August 19, 2019 at Evergreen Assisted Living in Kingsford.

She was born Oct. 17, 1927 in Iron Mountain, daughter of the late William and Elaine (Erickson) Kleiman. Lu graduated from Kingsford High School in 1945 and was a lifelong resident of the area. She married her high school sweetheart, Wesley "Tom" Edwards in 1947 and they began their life together in Aurora on their small farm. They soon produced a lively family of seven children. Lu's love for Jesus Christ strengthened and directed her life as a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother. Love and service for family and friends was her priority and greatly enriched her life as well as those she served. Lu was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Kingsford. She had a love for all things beautiful, especially music and art; which she enjoyed as a pianist, especially in her earlier years, and as an artist in her later years. She also enjoyed producing countless, colorful quilts.

Lu is survived by seven children, Dale (Rose) Edwards of Breitung Township, Jean (Joe) Panek of Aurora, Donn (Kathy) Edwards of Kingsford, Jody Edwards of Mesa, AZ, Dan (Sue) Edwards of Iron Mountain, Julie (Bruce) Ekstrand of Mesa, AZ and Jeff (Miriam) Edwards of Breitung Township; two sisters, Marjorie France & Katherine (Ray) Clemo; one sister-in-law, Kristen Kleiman; 19 grandchildren, Heather (Dan) Brown, Tanya (Ross) Wiitanen,

Wade (Kristen) Edwards, Brandon (Melissa) Trepanier, Jacquelyn (Mike) Halley, Mike (Lorrie) Vross, Matt Vross, Kary Edwards, Josh (Samantha) Edwards, Kelly (Aaron) Harchek, Jacquelyn (Anthony) D'Sousa, Robert Edwards, Allison Edwards, Emily Ekstrand, Jeff Ekstrand, Abigail Ekstrand, Tom Ekstrand, Jessica (Dave) Muench, J.D. (Sarah) Edwards, Elise (Tony) Cavaliere, and Rebecca (Shawn) Hill; 30 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Lu was also preceded in death by her husband, Tom in 2018; a grandson, Jacob D. Edwards; three brothers, Harry, Gordon and Terry Kleiman; sisters-in-law, Betty Kleiman and Bertie Lou Steger and brothers-in-law, Peter France and Bob Steger.

Visitation will be held on Saturday from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the First Presbyterian Church in Kingsford. A memorial service will follow at 11:00 am at the church. Rev. Michael March will officiate. Burial will be in the Homestead-Aurora Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Tom & Lu Edwards Vocational Scholarship or the First Presbyterian Church Pavilion Fund.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Lenore "Lu" Edwards online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Homestead-Aurora Cemetery

Aurora, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **24**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
395 Hamilton Avenue
Kingsford, MI 49802

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

CF

“ Dale, While in High School, prior to taking motorcycle trips to various locations, your mom would always pray for us boys to have a safe trip and have fun. Never received any speeding tickets, and I don't think either of us had so much as a mosquito bite. I always thought your mother praying for us, prior to going anywhere, was really cool. That's what I remember most about your mom. Your mom had a love for the Lord, that for me, was contagious. I'm sure there are a lot of folks that think the world of your mom, and I'm one of them. One of these days when we all get together, I'd like to take your folks out to dinner to help offset the number of meals I had at their table. .. Carl Freeman

Carl Freeman - August 25, 2019 at 10:12 PM

OW

“ Orice Walters lit a candle in memory of Lenore E. "Lu" Edwards



Orice Walters - August 24, 2019 at 06:16 PM

MR

“ I remember so many fun times at the Aurora farm playing outside with Donny and Jean. Lou was a high school friend of my mom's. I was so sorry to hear of her death. She will be missed.
Marilyn Mann Reed

Marilyn Reed - August 23, 2019 at 06:48 PM

CE

“ She was the one who came to school to get me and Donny to see our mother for the last time

cheryl endres - August 22, 2019 at 05:50 PM

MV

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. I got to see your Mom 3 years ago as she came to my brother Dave Anderson's funeral. So good to see her and chat about all the time I spent in Aurora. I never wanted to go home as I had so much fun. Jody, you were the one I hung out with. Countless hours riding those crazy Shetland ponies Chief and Prince. Your Mom was a dear and such a kind person ❤️ Love to all. I live in Grand Rapids now, so I can't come up as I'm working. Would love to see you all. Mary Jo (Anderson) Valentine

Mary Jo Valentine - August 22, 2019 at 05:22 PM

SH

“ What a lovely person Lu was! I have memories of her since I was a small child. She was always SO kind and enthusiastic. Sending prayers and hugs to all Lu's family and friends as I unfortunately will be out of town Saturday and miss the funeral.
...Sally Heidtke

Sally Heidtke - August 22, 2019 at 12:44 PM

CG

What a Special person she was always busy helping others and caring and cooking for her family and friends . She loved the lord and was an Angel here on earth , Heaven is celebrating ! She was a special Aunt to her many nieces and nephews , she always welcomed our visits . She was Loved ! Catherine France Gustafson .

Catherine France Gustfson - August 22, 2019 at 01:30 PM

OW

My sincere sympathy and prayers to all the Edwards and Kleimen families in the loss of your Mom, grandmother, sister etc. It was so good to visit with her a few months back at a meal for another Aurora native. Lu was always such a gracious and loving christian lady. I was privileged to enjoy bible studies with her and other friends several years ago. There is no doubt she has already been welcomed into her heavenly home by the Lord she served so well. My prayers of comfort to all those she loved.

Orice Walters

Orice Walters - August 24, 2019 at 06:18 PM