



Lucille Iva (French) Arey

May 7, 1925 - November 15, 2018

Lucille Iva (French) Arey passed away on Thursday, November 15, 2018, at her home surrounded by her family.

A celebration of Lucille's life will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 11 AM at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Union City, with Pastor Don Mason officiating. Following a luncheon at the church, interment will be at 2 PM on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at Riverside Cemetery in Union City. Visitation will be held on Monday, November 19, 2018 from 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM at Lighthouse Funeral & Cremation in Union City.

Lucille was born on May 7, 1925, to Chaddie and Nina (Chamberlin) French at Nichols Hospital in Battle Creek MI. Lucille married Richard Arey on August 21, 1949 at the French farm on Union City Rd. He preceded her in death in 1983.

She graduated as Valedictorian of the Union City Class of 1942. She received her teaching degree from Western Michigan University. Lucille taught high school Math and English in Ravenna, Homer and Union City for a total of 39 years. Mrs. Arey's classroom was one of the first to have a computer in 1980.

Lucille and Richard owned Arey's Hardware in Burlington. The slogan for the store was "Where you find the unexpected" and so it went that after Richard died, Lucille and her sister, Mildred, ran the store.

Lucille was dedicated to her family and her community. She enjoyed vegetable gardening and preserving all she could and used it to cook for her family. Lucille was a lifelong member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ. She was the organizational leader of the All Around 4-H club for over 25 years. She served as a Director for the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel.

Lucille is survived by her daughters, Ellen Arey of Union City, Carol (Don) Read of Coldwater, Rachel Maksimchuk of Homer, and Beth Arey of Union City. She has five grandchildren, Valerie (Maksimchuk) Stark, Branden Maksimchuk, Scott Read, Michael Read, and Mary Ellen (Read) Snyder; nine great-grandchildren; and one niece, Pam (Keever) Reichow. In addition to Richard, she was preceded in death by her sister, Mildred.

Memorial donations are suggested to the First Congregational UCC in Union City or the Union City Alumni Scholarship Foundation.

Cemetery

Riverside Cemetery

780 North Broadway
Union City, MI, 49094

Events

NOV 19 Visitation 02:00PM - 04:00PM

Lighthouse Funeral & Cremation
634 Mendon Rd, Union City, MI, US, 49094

NOV 19 Visitation 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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NOV 20 Celebration of Life 11:00AM - 12:00PM

First Congregational UCC Church
410 N. Broadway, Union City, MI, US, 49094

NOV 20 Interment 02:00PM - 02:30PM

Riverside Cemetery
780 North Broadway, Union City, MI, US, 49094

Comments



“ Just wanted to extend sincere blessings to all in the family as you move through your grief and loss. Your mom was an inspiration and she passed her gifts on to you all. God bless and God's very best now and in the days ahead.

Mucki Smith Zaleski - November 19, 2018 at 11:02 AM



“ My caring thoughts to family. May your memories of time with Mrs. Arey help soothe the sadness.

I remember her widening smile each time I leaned in close to her wheelchair to say hello. Her sight and hearing diminished yet she still seemed happy. She was blessed to have such a loving family.

Robin Craydon Lahr - November 19, 2018 at 09:07 AM



“ 32 files added to the album LifeTributes



Lighthouse Funeral & Cremation - November 19, 2018 at 08:55 AM



“ Holly Rohrbach lit a candle in memory of Lucille Iva (French) Arey



Holly Rohrbach - November 18, 2018 at 11:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lucille Iva (French) Arey.



November 18, 2018 at 01:04 PM



“ Prayers for her family,had her as a teacher in. high school, not only as a teacher,also she lived in my neighbor Hood.



Debi (Hurley) Jennings - November 17, 2018 at 06:49 PM



“ Her and her husband owed the hardware store in Burlington. I used to buy candy there. She was my math teacher too. She was a good woman and very smart too.

Joey Whitley - November 17, 2018 at 06:43 PM



“ It was only due to Mrs. Arey's patience with me that I was able to pass her algebra class. She was truly a wonderful woman and teacher. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Sandy Eis - November 17, 2018 at 05:53 PM



“ Marcia Watkins lit a candle in memory of Lucille Iva (French) Arey





“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Lucille Iva (French) Arey.



November 17, 2018 at 09:55 AM



“ Susan Foster VanWormer lit a candle in memory of Lucille Iva (French) Arey



Susan Foster VanWormer - November 17, 2018 at 09:31 AM



“ It goes without saying what a wonderful woman your mother was. I always enjoyed every encounter I had with Lucille as she was such a vibrant woman who listened to what you had to say. My most treasured memory of her happened when I lived in California and Ellen brought her mother out to Rancho Mirage, CA to visit me. She brought a bag of homegrown tomatoes, which were much enjoyed. But the crowning memory I have is that Lucille was a Frank Sinatra fan, so Ellen and I took her to see the house where he lived and took her photo by a street sign saying Frank Sinatra. Then it was a short drive to Palm Springs where we found the Frank Sinatra star on the street there. It was another photo shoot. She was one happy woman. I have other memories of her and I will treasure each and every one of them. She was a treasure that you girls enjoyed for a long life. So sorry for your loss.

Sharon Bredice - November 17, 2018 at 07:59 AM



“ Micki Stevens lit a candle in memory of Lucille Iva (French) Arey



Micki Stevens - November 16, 2018 at 09:59 PM



“ Mrs. Arey taught me everything I know---about algebra. My condolences go out to her family, especially her daughter, Ellen, who was a classmate.

Dennis Biteman - November 16, 2018 at 09:57 PM



“ We want to extend our sincere sympathy to the family, she was a great lady and had a full life. She had a very caring family...
Floyd and Linda Worden

Floyd & Linda Worden - November 16, 2018 at 09:37 PM



“ Gary And Linda Smith lit a candle in memory of Lucille Iva (French) Arey



Gary and Linda Smith - November 16, 2018 at 09:35 PM



“ To all the Arey women; your mom was such a sweet soul. I was the worst algebra student, but she worked so patiently with me. I was so grateful for all her help. My condolences on your loss.



Kara Bercaw - November 16, 2018 at 09:08 PM



“ LeRoy And Marguerite Jones lit a candle in memory of Lucille Iva (French) Arey



LeRoy and Marguerite Jones - November 16, 2018 at 08:03 PM



“ Joyce Fierke lit a candle in memory of Lucille Iva (French) Arey



Joyce Fierke - November 16, 2018 at 07:37 PM



“ Carol, Ellen, Rachael, and Beth. What can I say except I'm so sorry for your loss! Your mother was such a wonderful person and she had such a positive influence in so many lives during her many years of teaching. I remember all the fun we had growing up and how patient our parents were with some of our shenanigans. I'm feeling your loss and wish that I could be with you to give you all a big hug! Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers and that I love you all!

Joyce Fierke - November 16, 2018 at 02:45 PM