



## Gladys Marie Coats

August 22, 1922 - October 13, 2016

Gladys Marie Coats, 94, of Charlotte died peacefully on October 13, 2016. She was born August 22, 1922 in Benton Township to John and Zora (Gidner) Holmes. She worked at Wilcox Gay in Charlotte and Horner Woolen Mills in Eaton Rapids, and later she was a daycare provider/babysitter for over 40 years. Gladys was a big Detroit Tigers fan, and she loved spending time with friends and family playing cards, especially Euchre, SkipBo, and Solitaire. She never forgot birthdays of those that were in her large circle of family and friends, and Gladys loved to share stories as a proud mother and grandmother.

Gladys is survived by her two daughters, Diana Coats and Wendy (Robert) Sanders; and 2 grandchildren, Kami Sanders and Corey Sanders, and her sister Irene Hart. Her husband, Leon J. Coats preceded her in death in 1999. She was also preceded in death by her siblings, Ken (Ruth) Holmes, Ivan (Hortense) Holmes, Wayne (Therese) Holmes, Della (Mack) DeBoise, Clara Dossett, and Francis Holmes.

Funeral services are Monday, October 17, 11 AM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor Randy Royston officiating. Visitation is also at the funeral home on Sunday, October 16, 5-8 PM. Friends and family are encouraged to visit Gladys' Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com) to share memories and condolences. If desired, the family suggests memorial

contributions to Eaton Community Palliative Care. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ We were sorry to hear of Gladys' passing too late to attend the services, but want to pass along condolences from the Holmes family- Craig, Cathy, Candace and Daniel. We all remember all of the help that Gladys provided to our Grandma Alice and Grandpa Art(her aunt and uncle) in their elderly years. A little family history...

*Gladys was the daughter of John Jacob Holmes and Zora (Gidner), and the niece of my Grandfather Art Holmes. She was my dad's cousin, and I remember Aunt Zora as we called her. She passed in 1973. Anyway I thought any other family members out there might be interested to hear some interesting family tree history.*

*One of Gladys' grandmothers was Mary Frances Holmes (Vreeland). The Vreeland family hailed out of Brownstown Twsp, Flat Rock specifically where they were one of the first white European settlers. The land that Flat Rock was founded on was former Vreeland property. The Vreeland family can be traced back from Flat Rock to Pennsylvania, being instrumental in the founding of Bergen County, NJ. Further back Michel Jansen Vreeland actually owned the property where Battery Park is located on Manhattan when it was part of New Amsterdam. That's the very short version, and my knowledge is a result of research of the Holmes family tree. Google in Vreeland family history, Fort Freeland, and Michel Jansen Vreeland for more interesting facts.*

*So...the Vreeland's mourn the loss of one of our members but she won't be forgotten!*

*Again our condolences on Gladys' passing. As a kid you can tell people with a good heart, and that was Gladys.*

*Craig Holmes  
Brighton, MI*

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**Craig Holmes** - October 21, 2016 at 10:46 AM

DB

“ She was my mother's best friend sorry to see her go but glad it was piecefull she baby sat my mother's kids my kids an my siblings kids.Rip



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**Dawn Butler** - October 19, 2016 at 07:26 AM

DC

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to you Wendy and Diane. Your Mother and Father were wonderful people but your Mother was always so kind and caring. We will keep her in our prayers in the years to come.  
David and Reva Coats

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**David Coats** - October 16, 2016 at 06:24 PM

BP

“ Wendy so very sorry to hear of your mom's passing you are all in our thoughts and prayers love bill &bonnie partridge

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**Bill &Bonnie Partridge** - October 16, 2016 at 04:00 PM

SB

“ Dear Diane and Wendy. I am so sorry for your loss but what a blessing to have had her for 94 years. I have lits of memories being at your house on McClure St. Of course your Mom and Dad were there. I have seen your Mom walk to and from times so many times. Take care and I pray you are all doing well.

*With sincerest sympathy,*

*Stephanie McClure Baker*

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**Stephanie Baker** - October 15, 2016 at 06:03 PM

CH

“ Reading her name in the obituary brought back a flood of memories from my childhood and I want to share these with you. She was a super-nice person and I recall her visiting my Mom (Dema Smith on Sheldon St.). Her Mom babysat for my sister, who was seven years younger than I for quite some time. She was such a gentle soul. We called her "Auntie Holmes." My Mom had a beauty shop in our home and I recall Gladys in permanent wave rollers at times. We always had great memories of Gladys and "Auntie Holmes"! As I'm nearly 75 now, this would have occurred many years ago, but the memories are still very sharp. I'm so sorry you lost this beautiful, wonderful person.

*Carol Smith Halsey*

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**Carol Halsey** - October 15, 2016 at 08:11 AM

TS

“ Tamara(Butler) Strickland&children purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of Gladys Marie Coats.

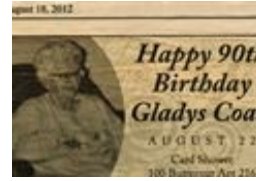


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**Tamara(Butler) Strickland&children** - October 14, 2016 at 05:05 PM



“ 30 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 14, 2016 at 03:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Gladys Marie Coats.



October 14, 2016 at 10:29 AM