



## Orpha Lowayne Hayden

August 27, 1915 - January 10, 2016

Orpha Lowayne Hayden, 100, of Potterville, died Sunday, January 10, 2016. She was born August 27, 1915 in Eaton County the daughter of Clark Sylvester and Vera May (Getter) Whitney. Orpha lived most of her life in Potterville as a homemaker. She worked in a factory during World War II, owned a malt shop in the late 40's and early 50's, and helped her parents run the Potterville Inn (Gizzard City). She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, playing cards, dancing, club-hopping, shopping, socializing, cooking and cleaning, and was always up for an adventure, trip, or dinner out. She was a member of the local motorcycle club in the 1940's with her first husband Bob Long.

Anyone that knew Orpha knew how important an immaculate home was to her. Over the years her family members would call it "Orphatizing." She was married to Carl W. Hayden for 56 years. After retiring, Orpha and Carl enjoyed traveling to warmer climates, making winter homes at The Gulf of Mexico in Brownsville, TX; Gulf Shores, AL; and Lakeland, FL. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is survived by her daughters, Connie (Chambre) Beauvais and Patricia (Clifford) Coffey; three grandchildren, Michelle (Dave) Ballard, Josette (Dennis) Jubb, and Ashlee (Paul) Murray; 6 great-grandsons, Hunter, Mason, Wyatt, Zachary, Ty and Jack; 3 bonus great grand-children, Leslie, Lyndsey

and Nikolaus; siblings Verda Nightengale of Potterville, Maxine (Earl) Cady of Charlotte, Russell Whitney of Lakeland, FL; sister-in-law Nancy Vandenburg of Marshall; many cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her infant son Denny; husband, Carl W. Hayden; sister Gloria Hickox; and brothers Donald, Wayne, and Robert Whitney.

Orpha and Carl were members of UAW Local 652, VFW Post 701, American Legion Post 42 and Fraternal Order of Eagles. When living in Lakeland they also frequented VFW Post 2297 and American Legion Post 4 in Lakeland, FL.

Funeral services are Thursday, January 14, 2 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor Mark Tokar officiating. Visitation is Wednesday, January 13, 6-8 PM, and Thursday, January 14, 1-2 PM at Pray Funeral Home. Interment will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Great Lakes Caring Hospice, 900 Cooper Street, Jackson, MI 49202. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family on Orpha's tribute page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Orpha Lowayne Hayden*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 13, 2016 at 04:19 PM

JA

“ *I didn't know Mrs Hayden. But I felt compelled to write after reading her obituary in the paper. I have great respect and admiration for anyone lives to be 100. To think that she ran a malt shop in the 1940's and helped her parents run Gizzard City. I've never seen an obituary that says a person likes to clean. I would like my obituary to say the same about me. I'm a janitorial supervisor and work hard to keep my home immaculate too. And finally I would like Mrs Hayden's family to know that even though I didn't have the opportunity to meet her I would have liked to. God bless her and your families.*

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**James Asselin** - January 17, 2016 at 09:20 AM

CB

*I am Connie Orpha's daughter, I just want to thank you for your kind words. they touched my heart*

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**Connie Beauvais** - January 25, 2016 at 12:16 PM

WJ

“ I have wonderful memories of Mr and Mrs Hayden. They were wonderful neighbors and wonderful loving souls. Finally, they are together again. She will be missed.

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**Wayne Johnson** - January 15, 2016 at 05:39 AM

CB

*Thanks for being their wonderful neighbors too!*

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**Connie Beauvais** - January 25, 2016 at 12:17 PM

TT

“ My sincere condolences to Orpha's family. Particularly, Connie and Patty. Orpha's brother-in-law Raymond, was my step-father. He and my mother Lola spent many hours with Orpha and Carl during and after my teen years. Orpha graced our home often. She was such a friendly and gracious lady and I know she will be remembered fondly by everyone she touched. She certainly lived a long and meaningful life.

*With fond memories,  
Tom (Storm ) Taylor*

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**Tom Taylor** - January 13, 2016 at 09:17 AM

CB

*Thanks Cuz, GLAD YOU HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF MY MOM!  
Sorry we missed your mom's service. I had the State Journal it was in, but didn't read the paper until a couple weeks later. I loved your mom, she was like my mom in many ways.*

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**Connie Beauvais** - January 25, 2016 at 12:20 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Orpha Lowayne Hayden .*



January 13, 2016 at 07:13 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Orpha Lowayne Hayden .*



January 12, 2016 at 03:45 PM



“ *Aunt Orpha was such a special person,always kind hearted. Some of my earliest memories are time spent playing with Connie while Orpha looked after me. Later my sister and brother as well.A Wonderful lady who I'll never be forgotten. RIP Orpha.*

**Doug Twichell** - January 12, 2016 at 11:47 AM

CB

*Thanks Doug for your kind words. She was pretty amazing!*

**Connie Beauvais** - January 25, 2016 at 12:22 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Orpha Lowayne Hayden .*



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January 12, 2016 at 07:39 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 11, 2016 at 03:53 PM