



Lydia (Dunn) Rudd

December 25, 1910 - November 2, 2017

Lydia A. (Dunn) Rudd, age 106, died Thursday, November 2, 2017, at Cedar Cove in Cedarville. She was born on Christmas Day, December 25, 1910, to George C. and Erma (Stillwell) Dunn.

A lifelong Cedarville resident, Lydia witnessed many changes in her community in her 106 years. She attended Cedarville schools through Grade 10 (the highest grade in Cedarville at that time) and then went to Sault High School in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to earn her high school diploma. While in high school, she worked at Hossack General Store in Cedarville and returned to work there after her children were grown. Lydia married Wendell "Spud" Rudd in 1931 and raised two children, Lee and Jean. After living on Dunn Hill for a few years, they made their home on lakefront property just east of town and built four cabins that they rented out during the summer months.

Lydia was a lifelong member of the First Union Church in Cedarville where she was confirmed as a young child. Her faith was very important part of her life.

Lydia enjoyed doing many things during her long life. She loved the outdoors, especially boating and learning about the nature around her. She also enjoyed sewing, knitting, and reading. Lydia swam almost every day for as long as she was able. She also rode bike and walked in her later years to keep fit.

Lydia is survived by seven grandchildren, Lee Bickham of Albion, Indiana, Tim (Betsy) Bickham of Ralston, Wyoming, Gerald "Soap" (Dee Dee) Bickham of Hessel, Michigan, Bob (Lynn) Bickham of Albion, Indiana, Judy (Thorn) Jarvis of Geneva, Illinois, Dennis (Stephanie) Rudd of Lawrence, Michigan, and Mary Burk of Keego Harbor, Michigan; great grandchildren, Bonnie (Russ) Leffel, Rebecca Bickham (Nick Boston), Katie (Timothy) Jordan, Chad (Roberta) Lawnichak, Katie Jarvis, Jaianna Jarvis, Maryjane Jarvis (Dennis Gurfinkel), Jordan (Dayle) Rudd, Andrew (Brittany) Rudd, Kelsey (Adam) Terpstra, and Dennis Burk; great great grandchildren, Levi Leffel, Daniel Jordan, Robert Jordan, Mark Jordan, Ema Lawnichak, Elly Lawnichak, Garette King, Megan King, Kylie King, Donovan Rudd, Alyson Rudd, Tavin Rudd, and Bannon Rudd; great great great grandchildren, Treyton Guzzo and Cohnen Crowle; daughter-in-law, Noreen Rudd of Cedarville; and son-in-law, Stanley (Bernice) Bickham of St. Ignace.

Lydia was preceded in death by her husband, Wendell; both of her children, Lee Rudd and Jeannie Bickham; brothers, Archie Dunn and Jerry Dunn; and sisters, Isabelle Sims, Eunice Lowe, Elizabeth Farrier, Cora Fahnenstiel, and Phyllis Hamel.

A Graveside Committal Service will be held Sunday, November 12, at 1:00 P.M. at Edgewood Cedar Cemetery, 4 Mile Block Road, in Cedarville. Pastor Jeff Meyers will conduct the service.

The family is planning a Memorial Service for the spring or summer of 2018.

Memorial contributions may be made to Les Cheneaux Ambulance Auxiliary, P.O. Box 453, Hessel, MI 49745 or First Union Church, P.O. Box 426, Cedarville, MI 49719.

Cemetery Details

Edgewood Cedar Cemetery

4 Mile Block Road
Cedarville, MI 49719

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Edgewood Cedar Cemetery
4 Mile Block Road
Cedarville, MI 49719

Tribute Wall



“ Lydia (Dunn) Rudd

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Lydia (Dunn) Rudd

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Lydia (Dunn) Rudd

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ Many years of fun times and memories, best Aunt! Taught many of us how to swim off the dock at the cottages

Doris Dunn Stever - November 18, 2017 at 10:05 AM



“ I remember my father (Dr. Ed Rudd) and grandparents (Edward and Bertha Rudd) speaking very well of her. I'm sure there was a great reunion in heaven with lots of the Rudd clan, but best of all with our Lord Jesus. Bill Rudd (Muskegon)

Bill Rudd - November 12, 2017 at 07:34 PM