



## Yvonne J. O'Rourke

January 15, 2013

Yvonne J. O'Rourke 89 of St. Ignace passed away early Tuesday morning, January 15 at Evergreen Living Center . She was born July 31, 1923 , one of 8 children born to Alfred and Rose (Sharboneau) Goudreau. She attended the Ursuline Academy through the 10th grade and graduated from LaSalle High School, and also graduated with a degree in Nursing, from Nazareth College in Kalamazoo; and was a Registered Nurse. She was one of the first hires at Mackinac Straits Hospital when it opened in 1954. She also worked for Dr. Shafloe as his nurse, specializing in home deliveries of babies. She was a devout Christian; , attending Mass daily for many years at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church; ; and a member of St. Ann's Altar Society. She married Clyde R. O'Rourke on July 7, 1945 at St. Ignatius Church and he died November 5, 2012 just 3 days after his 93rd birthday. They enjoyed 67 years of marriage, and was a very devoted mother to their large family. She was always a fine lady, and taught her children the same. Always addressing people by Mr. or Mrs., never by first names. She was an Elder with the Sault Tribe Chippewa Indians, and proud of her heritage.

Surviving are her children; Kathleen and Eugene Sweeney, Northport, Florida; Dan and Carol O'Rourke, Green Bay, WI.; Fred and Jeanette O'Rourke, St. Ignace; Thomas "Clem" and Lynn O'Rourke, Fowler, Michigan; Timothy and Barbara O'Rourke, Dyer, Indiana; William "Bill" and Karen O'Rourke, Bellvue, MI; Rose and Eban Mackey, Marshall, MI; and Clyde Jr. and Beth

O'Rourke, St. Ignace; over 20 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death besides her husband, her 7 siblings; Vincent Goudreau; Leonard Goudreau; Father Bill Goudfreau, a Priest in India over 60 years; Alfred Stephen Goudreau;; Clarice Sirmeyer; Lucille Mosack; and Laura Herman.

Friends may call at Dodson Funeral Home in St. Ignace on Friday from 4 to 8 pm. Parish prayers will be at 8 pm with Fr. Pawel Mecwel and Brother Ji, Boynton officiating. Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, January 19 at 11 am at St. Ignatius Church with Fr. Pawel, Brother Jim Boynton and Fr. Jim Williams officiating. with lunch served after by St. Anns Altar Society. Burial will be in the spring in St. Ignatius Cemetery beside her husband. Memorials may be directed to Jesuits or intentions of the family with envelopes available at the funeral home. Pallbearers were Ericka Rhinehart; Megan Mackey; Kelly Jung; Angie Gillmore; Macaela O'Rourke; Molly Page; Steve O'Rourke; Aaron Sweeney; Patrick O'Rourke; Ken Gillmore; John LaChapelle; and Tony Frazier.

# Tribute Wall



“ Yvonne J. O'Rourke

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Yvonne J. O'Rourke

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Yvonne J. O'Rourke

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ Yvonne and Clyde O'Rourke were part of the Covenant House Michigan family and helped our kids for many years. They will be deeply missed. We are very sorry for your loss and will keep you in our prayers.

Sam Joseph, Executive Director, the kids and staff of Covenant House Michigan send our regards. We will remember you in our prayers. God bless you during this time.

Love and prayers,  
Carolyn

Carolyn Millard - May 09, 2013 at 10:20 AM

MM

“ I have always been grateful to have Yvonne for my Godmother. I always felt I could call her any time and she had a magical way of letting me know the Lord was with me and wouldn't let me down. I remember her venison-rice soup, strawberry jam, gracious manners, and her drive to stay healthy and fit. When I hear the saying "Show the face of Jesus", I think of Yvonne. No matter how exhausted, frustrated, worried or scared she was she showed the face of compassion and love for others. The last time I saw her she asked me to tell her son Fred hello for her and to give him a "Pretend" hug (so as not to pass germs, he was in the hospital) Always thinking outside of herself. I will miss her dearly. She was a sweet friend and truly a Godmother.

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**Margaret Madagame** - January 18, 2013 at 12:40 PM

SO

“ Our hearth aches for you and your family during this time. Your mother was such an amazing person. She will be missed by her family and the community. With love and prayers. Jim and Sharon Olson

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**Sharon Olson** - January 18, 2013 at 10:21 AM

SF

“ Our deepest sympathies on the passing of Mrs. O. She was a wonderful, caring person who made all of Clyde's friends feel welcome in her home. I can smile at the thought of her back together in heaven with big Clyde. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Steve Funk & family** - January 17, 2013 at 02:02 PM

JS

“ *I have wonderful memories of summer vacations with the O'Rourke family...running up and down the hill to Gramma's home, making way too much noise on the wood porch, picking and eating raspberries from the ever abundant bushes,paper route delivery and Aunt Yvonne's unmistakable call for her children to come home. I will fondly remember her, always.*

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**Jeanne Shelley(Sirmeyer)** - January 17, 2013 at 07:36 AM