



## Charlotte Elaine Reinhart

April 8, 1924 - September 27, 2020

ADRIAN- Charlotte Elaine Reinhart made the Joyous Leap and returned to her God on Sunday, September 27, 2020, at her home at Gaslight Village Assisted Living in Adrian.

Charlotte was born April 8, 1924, in Canton, IL, the sixth child of Omer and Cassie (Thomas) Reffett. On June 14, 1942, she married Walter F. Reinhart. They were married 65 years before his death on December 7, 2007. Charlotte and Walter started married life in Peoria, IL, and moved to Niles, MI in 1957. Upon retirement in 2002, they moved to Youngsville, LA and Charlotte moved to Adrian in 2011. In Niles, Charlotte was a founder and teacher of the Presbyterian Nursery School. She taught hundreds of children to share, not eat paste, don't put that up your nose, and color in the lines.

Charlotte was a woman of strong convictions and opinions, although she rarely spoke those opinions out loud. As a child of the Depression, she would loathe to part with any possession, valued or worthless, burdening her children with mounds of trinkets and tchotchkes. She was an adventurous and excellent cook, spending many happy hours reading cookbooks like a fine novel. She passed her love of tinkering in the kitchen to her daughters. Her beloved recipe for Raisin Bars is a family legend. She excelled in entertaining and often hosted happy hour, and her love of wine and bourbon (drank separately) was known by all. Charlotte was a collector of antiques,

purchasing many of them brand new (see above “loathe to part with any possession”).

Charlotte loved her pets dearly, often thinking of them as her “furry children.” Especially beloved were her dogs, Tammy, Bob, Pooh and Butch. She was a woman of strong faith and was a devout member of several congregations, including First Presbyterian Church in Niles, MI, Grace Presbyterian in Lafayette, LA, and First United Methodist Church in Adrian.

Charlotte is preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Damon, Aubrey, Omer Howard, and Eugene “Beanie” Reffett; and her sister, Bernita Murphy. She is survived by her children, Cassie (Larry Goldblatt) Goldstein of Indianapolis, IN, Denise (George) Small of Ruston, LA, Char-Lene (Richard) Wilkins of Adrian, and Reffett (Becky) Reinhart of Holland, MI. Also surviving are ten grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren.

“Remember that I have commanded you to be determined and confident! Do not be afraid or discouraged for I the Lord your God am with you wherever you go.” ~ Joshua 1:9

In accordance with Charlotte’s final wishes, cremation will take place. The family is planning a memorial service at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Charlotte Elaine Reinhart*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Sleepy tummy tighty Auntie Char ❤️  
Thinking of all the wonderful memories of the Reinhart & family  
gatherings  
Mashed potatoes on the ceiling 😂  
Thoughts & prayers,  
Mickie*

Mickie - September 29, 2020 at 07:14 PM



“ *Char was a neighbor of mine since my birth. She was my Pre school teacher and was the person that I went to when my first tooth got loose. She pulled it by tying some thread around it and made “bunny ears”. Mom and Char would have coffee in the morning sometimes, and I had a “cup” of coffee with them in my little Mexican cup and saucer she brought back to me. I remember getting to take a sucker from the ones she had hanging in her kitchen when we would visit. She collected spoons, which I always enjoyed looking at, and I started collecting spoons myself after I was older. She was a wonderful lady who was a great neighbor, teacher and confidant as I grew older. When I got into real estate, Char and Walt allowed me the privilege of selling their home in Niles. Last time I saw Char was at my moms funeral. It was great to see her and all of the family. Condolences to all of you. Many fun memories I have and will cherish of Char. Rest In Peace and now you and mom can have coffee once again. ❤️❤️❤️*

Carolyn Ernsperger - September 29, 2020 at 02:55 PM