



Rena "Joyce" Goetz

April 10, 1927 - March 25, 2018

BLISSFIELD - Rena Joyce Goetz passed away on Sunday, March 25, 2018. Rena, known by all as "Joyce" was born on April 10, 1927 in Clinton Mich., to William J. Service and Rose (Smith) Service. She was welcomed into this world by 8 other brothers and sisters and closely followed by 2 more siblings. Her dear sisters Alice Socks and Lorraine Frear preceded her in death as did all of her other siblings.

Joyce married Earl Goetz, the love of her life, on August 7, 1948. They resided in Riga, Michigan for 67 years, until Earl's passing in March 2016. Their only son, Todd Goetz, preceded them both in 2006.

Surviving Joyce are her two daughters; Jill Kiesow of Riga, Mich., and Paula Aspacher (Jeff) of Franklin, TN; 6 grandchildren; Kate Dewick (David), Green Bay WI, Lynn Edmunds (Mark) of Wind Point WI, Charlie Goetz of Vernon, NY, Earlene Mest (Dan) of Strykersville, NY, Valerie Berry (Jared) of Houston TX and Garrett Aspacher of Denver, CO; 5 great grandchildren; Connor and Ashlyn Dewick, Green Bay, Addeline and William Edmunds of Wind Point and Levi Mest of Strykersville.

Joyce grew up in Tecumseh Mich., for most of her young adult life, graduating from Tecumseh High School in 1944. She attended the County Normal Teacher's Training, Ypsilanti Normal and Adrian College and became a one room school teacher in the Blissfield School District. She was also her daughter Jill's Kindergarten teacher.

Coming from such a large family, Joyce and her sisters were very creative and

talented women. Joyce's talents lent themselves toward sewing for her family and friends, and for caring for others in the community by baking, cooking or just checking in on them. Whether she was babysitting, adult sitting or taking food, Joyce always had a heart for people who were in need. Many beautiful brides and their wedding parties walked down the aisle with a smile on their faces because of Joyce's talent with a needle. Joyce retired her sewing career and began creating doll clothes for children all around the United States. Joyce was a major supporter of Blissfield Public Schools, both in education and sports. She was a member of the school board for some years and also had the distinction of Secretary of the Board. When the Victorsville one room school house was moved to the school property Joyce taught the students each year "the one room country school experience". She also was a grandparent helper for many years in Barbara Bliesner's classrooms. The Goetz family would like to thank her caregivers; Diana Garcia, Dawn Ryan, Leslie Pebbles, Nikki & Lance Wood and Rachel Cordle for their many hours helping Joyce keep the house running while she stayed by her Earl's side and then on until Joyce's death. To Jon and Leann Mattek and Karson & Charlene Edgar whose friendship and hard work made it possible for Joyce to run a farm business and to stay in her home her entire life. Thank you also to Doug Tagsold for honoring her final wishes to be in his care for her final escort to her resting place.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8pm, Tuesday March 27 at Tagsold Chapel of Wagley Funeral Home in Blissfield. Services will be 11:00 am, Wednesday, March 28 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Riga with Interment immediately after. Pastor Justin Shrum officiating.

Contributions in memory of Joyce are suggested to St. John's Lutheran Church or Hospice of Lenawee. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Riga Cemetery

Cemetery Road
Riga, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home Tagsold Chapel (Blissfield)
301 S. Lane St.
Blissfield, MI 49228
(517) 486-2133
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Lutheran Church
11949 Wegner Rd
Riga, MI 49276

Tribute Wall



“ *Rena "Joyce" Goetz*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Evelyn H. lit a candle in memory of Rena "Joyce" Goetz*



Evelyn H. - March 28, 2018 at 02:02 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to both Jill and Paula. Memories are the best way to remember people that we love, and I'm sure you have lots of them to remember. Joyce was a spunky lady that never had a problem expressing what was on her mind. I was honored to have Joyce make my wedding dress and bridesmaids dresses 48 years ago. Of course she was also there at the last minute to make sure I was ready to walk down the aisle. She was cracking jokes trying to keep me from being emotional as the final moment arrived. That experience gave us a bond that lasted a long time. Then 4 years later she made by daughter's baptismal dress, that I still have. That meant so much to me. Thanks for those memories!*

Glenda Lipp-Lichtenwald

Glenda Lichtenwald - March 27, 2018 at 07:20 PM

RO

“ Jim and I are praying for the whole family. Joyce was a special lady. Cherish your Memories. I was one of her many brides. With friendship and prayers, Jim and Bertie Novak

Roberta - March 27, 2018 at 04:52 PM

GL

“ My sincere sympathies to you Jill and Paula. Your mom was quite the lady. She would always say what was on her mind for sure. I was honored that she made my wedding dress and bridesmaids dresses almost 48 years ago! It was a fun time going to your house and getting fit for our dresses. And of course she was there helping me when I walked down the aisle, trying to crack jokes to keep me from crying. I was a little emotional. Four years later she made my daughter's baptismal dress - which I still have. It was beautiful! I will always remember your Mom fondly.

Love, Glenda Lipp-Lichtenwald

Glenda Lichtenwald - March 27, 2018 at 03:10 PM

AM

“ So sorry to read of Joyce's passing. She made my wedding dress and I can still remember some of her cute comments.

Alice Miller

Alice Miller - March 27, 2018 at 02:05 PM

RK

“ Jill & Paula, you have my deepest sympathy. Joyce will be now be a void in your life. I remember the beautiful clothes she made for the girls when they were babies, and when there was a family gathering, the feast Earl, & Joyce would put on. Now the two of them are together with their Lord
Roland Kiesow

Roland Kiesow - March 27, 2018 at 10:09 AM

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“ Not many Brides can say they had their wedding dress made by their kindergarten teacher!! I was one of them and have many fond memories growing up with Joyce and Earl as they were friends of my parents. Marilyn(Ries)Swanston

marilyn (Ries)Swanston - March 27, 2018 at 07:10 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rena "Joyce" Goetz.



March 26, 2018 at 03:49 PM

PT

“ We lost a very talented woman. She made many, many beautiful wedding gowns for the bride's in this area. She will be greatly missed.
Pat Tagsold



Pat Tagsold - March 26, 2018 at 01:21 PM

PS

“ Mrs. Goetz would always stop by if she saw me outside, she would share her wit and her wisdom with me. That wisdom got me through some of the hard times in my life. She was a kind and compassionate lady who always thought of others. This beautiful woman inspired me to try harder and not to give up. She will continue to inspire me, and I am a better person for knowing her. Anyone who met Joyce was blessed.
Phyllisanne Southard

Phyllisanne Southard - March 26, 2018 at 12:12 PM

YF

“ Your Almost Family HPD family. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Rena "Joyce" Goetz.



Your Almost Family HPD family. - March 26, 2018 at 10:31 AM

DS

“ David Southard purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Rena "Joyce" Goetz.



David Southard - March 26, 2018 at 09:02 AM

LB

“ I had Mrs Goetz as a teacher the year she got married

lee Brown - March 26, 2018 at 06:34 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Rena "Joyce" Goetz.*



March 25, 2018 at 03:59 PM