



## Clara Lorraine Parker

July 26, 1929 - February 15, 2021

Clara Lorraine (Powell) Parker, 91, of Traverse City went to be with the Lord on February 15, 2021. Born on July 26, 1929 in Cadillac, Michigan, to William H. Jennett and Flora (Gee) Jennett, she spent her life volunteering her time and talents to those in need. As a long-time member of the Traverse Bay United Methodist Church (formerly Asbury), she volunteered for over 20 years at Christmas Bazaars, organizing Rummage sales, keeping the Church kitchen clean and setting up for Thursday night suppers. Whether in the church kitchen or library, she prepared the space and taught Sunday school for over 10 years so children could continue to learn. She led a group of volunteers who did mending on a monthly basis for Munson Medical Care Facility and the Birchwood Nursing Home. For over fifty years, she spent countless hours sewing thousands of hospital gowns, lap robes, baby blankets and various items for the Munson Medical Center and Hospice House. She lived her life in the light through service to others and was fully giving of herself spiritually to the community, her presence will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her brothers William and James Jennett, her children, Randy Powell, Nancy Hubert, Jon Powell, Judi Guith and Karen Husband, her 12 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Robert Powell, her second husband Charles Parker, her sisters Janey Marie Jennett and Kitty Powell, brother Dick Jennett and her daughter Sheryl Dunham.

As current circumstances prevent traditional services, please sing or recite a favorite hymn or bible verse in her memory.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Munson Hospice House or the Traverse Bay United Methodist Church, Traverse City, MI.

# Comments

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“ I remember a very special Aunt she was! She made me a baby quilt and gave it to me knowing I would never have a child of my own!  
Blue! Also in 2005 she altered my wedding dress perfect! Heaven gained an Angel!



**laurie bomer** - February 22 at 09:03 PM

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“ The Traverse city area lost an angel who wished to remain anonymous in all the good deeds she did. I knew CLara as she would stop and give thousands of baby quilts to the Nicu and RTS units and then later the maternity. Many of our parents did not have the small colorful blankets or any blanket at all. Clara also made and gave thousands of quilts to cancer patients, Cowell cancer center, Pavillions and MMC units. She refused public thank you or gifts but always was thankful to receive more material. We will miss her!

**debbie west** - February 18 at 10:21 AM



“ Clara was a dear dear woman of God that had a huge heart! Knowing her since I was a child, she always had a big smile and an energetic and joyful giggle. My mom(Marilyn Peek) and her were great friends and spiritual prayer Warriors for eachother and many others. When I went off to college, she gave me a rocking chair and side table from her living room so I would have furniture! She never wanted a big “ta do” made over her generosity. My family received one of her handmade baby quilts of comfort when our youngest was in the NICU. She used her God given gifts to serve others. I will miss her. I am thankful for all the crossing paths of various family members through the years. My prayers are with the family. Love and hugs, Lori (Peek) Smith

**Lori Smith** - February 19 at 11:58 AM



“ Clara was a such a sweet, kind lady who would always brighten your day. Her enthusiasm and energy were amazing! She was also a dear friend of my mom, Marg Merrick, who enjoyed her friendship so very much. I am sure she will be truly missed by the community who she served so faithfully. She was truly a treasure I was proud to know. My sincere condolences to her family and friends, may her immense love will live on in you all.

**Rich Merrick** - February 22 at 03:55 PM



“ I am just seeing this now. March 15 th. I tried to call as I do from time to time and found her phone disconnected. Clara was my dear friend and I am so sorry to hear of her passing. She was a lady of great faith and a true friend to me. She told many stories of her treasured family and friends in the Traverse City and Elk Rapids area. She would sit and rock and tell splendid stories of her youth. A disaplined lady who's faith sustained her. I will miss our chats. Love to her family. I will treasure my quilts she made for me as well as the many costumes for my boys. She is at peace. Marcia Hickey.

**Marcia Hickey** - March 15 at 06:13 PM