



Brunhilde Maria Atkinson

April 25, 1925 - January 7, 2023

Brunhilde (Hilde) Maria Atkinson Fenton, MI – Once won a twist contest at 91, but she had her last twist on this earth on Saturday, January 7, 2023, at 97 years old, but that wasn't even the half of it...

Hilde passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by family. Memorial Services will be held 12PM Saturday, January 14, 2023, at Dryer Funeral Home, 101 First St., Holly, MI 48442; Father David Harvey officiating. The family will receive visitors 10AM – 12PM Saturday, January 14, 2023, at Dryer Funeral Home.

Picture a 97-year-old, now scratch that and picture an energetic 30-year-old. That's more like it. She's been called an energizer bunny, an icon, a role model and who every single person who met her aspired to be. She befriended every single person she encountered. Doctors loved her, mailmen adored her, and neighbors wanted to be around her. She was nothing short of a charmer and someone you wanted to be around. Her energy, love for life and others was contagious.

She was born on April 25, 1925, in Munich Germany and lived there into her twenties when she migrated to the United States through Ellis Island. She was very proud of her German/Bavarian heritage and passed along many of her customs to her family. Through the likes of baking German goodies,

stubbornness, cleanliness, amazing work ethic and strength. If you have had the pleasure of shaking her hand you would walk away saying ouch and dang how old was that woman?

She scared, amazed, and astonished her family by many of things she did. Some of them included moving a TV up two flights of stairs at 94, because she didn't want to bother anyone, taking apart and putting back together her air conditioner because it needed a good cleaning and then bragging that she had the cleanest AC unit around town and cooking her family Christmas dinner just two weeks before she passed. She never ever stopped until the very end.

The list goes on, but most importantly she loved her people fiercely and could run circles around every single one of them. If you asked her how she did it, she'd tell you it was due to the shot of rum she put in her tea every day at lunch, but really it was due to her loving spirit that will live on in all of us forever.

She is survived by her daughters, Hilda Crawford and Barb Atkinson; grandchildren, Martin Alvarado, Allyssa (Tom) Holloway, Heather (Philip) Darby, Matt (Michelle) Wareham, Karen Cannoy, Jason Wareham, Brandon Wareham, Debbie Littleton and Krista (Johnny) Szafranski; great-grandchildren, Amanda (Andy) Lytle, Kayla Cannoy, Tyler Cannoy, Hailee Cannoy, Nova Cannoy, Calvin Szafranski, Grayson Szafranski, Megan Littleton, Josh (Kayla) Badgerow, Justin and Alex Wareham and several great-great grandchildren.

Hilde was preceded in death by her parents, Leopold, and Maria; sisters, Frieda, and Annelies; brother, Siegfried; husband, Martin and daughter Brigitte Rapson.

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery

Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home
101 First St.
Holly, MI 48442
<http://dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

Memorial Service

JAN 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KM

“ I’m so sorry to hear about Hilde. She was my parents neighbor in Fenton and we all admired her greatly. She was a wonderfully kind lady with a great sense of humor. I feel lucky to have known her.

Karen Marley - January 18, 2023 at 04:45 PM

BR

“ My deepest sympathy in the loss of your amazing mom. Prayers for you Barb, Hilda and all your family.
Barbara (Zueck) Rau

Barbara Rau - January 14, 2023 at 08:07 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Brunhilde Maria Atkinson.



January 13, 2023 at 03:25 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brunhilde Maria Atkinson.



January 12, 2023 at 07:39 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brunhilde Maria Atkinson.*



January 12, 2023 at 07:04 PM



“ *Never will forget our Zumba days! Prayers to all. An amazing lady!*



Sylvia Cameron (Hitchcock) - January 11, 2023 at 03:06 PM



“ *Hilda was an amazing lady. I wish I could've known her longer. She always put a smile on my face & I enjoyed the visits we were able to share. She will live in my heart. She was my mom's neighbor for many years. Sending my love & prayers to her family ❤️*

Jeanne Cairns - January 10, 2023 at 02:21 PM



“ *Barb and Hilda, so sorry to hear about your mom, she was a wonderful lady, I have fond memories of her.*

Diane Tessens Stack - January 10, 2023 at 01:34 PM

JH

“ *Jim Paula Hansen lit a candle in memory of Brunhilde Atkinson*



Jim & Paula Hansen - January 10, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Brunhilde Maria Atkinson.*



January 10, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Brunhilde Maria Atkinson.*



January 09, 2023 at 05:49 PM

JH

“ *Jim Nancy Hanks lit a candle in memory of Brunhilde Atkinson*



Jim and Nancy Hanks - January 09, 2023 at 04:11 PM