



## Gladys L. Montei

July 2, 1921 - June 13, 2010

Gladys Kidd Montei passed away on June 13, 2010 at Judy's Place, Lexington after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Montei was born in Utica, Michigan to William and Junia Lathers Kidd on July 2, 1921. She married J.D (John) Montei on August 26, 1942 in Utica, Michigan. She is survived by her three children Betty (Coulson) Blair, Larry (Janis) Montei, and Mary (Stuart) Clark, and her foster son Larry (Sharon) Hess, 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; one sister, Marjorie Applebee. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Rev. J.D. Montei, her parents, 4 brothers and 2 sisters. Gladys served for many years as a dedicated pastor's wife starting in 1957 serving as a Missionary at Red Bird Mission in Queendale, KY. They served together in churches here in Michigan and started the ministry which would become Harvest Lane Christian Fellowship in Toledo, OH.

Memorial Gifts may be made to either Lexington United Methodist Church or the Harvest Lane Christian Fellowship. Family will greet visitors at the Pomeroy Funeral Home from 2-9 on Wednesday, June 16. A Service of Death and Resurrection will be held on Thursday, June 17 at 11:00 am at the Lexington UMC lead by Rev. Timothy Ziegler and Rev. J.R. Frey. Burial will follow in Brookside Cemetery in Fairgrove, Michigan.

# Tribute Wall

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“With a servant's heart, Glady enriched our lives as she loved unconditionally, served faithfully, and encouraged consistently. Her wit, charm, mercy, and strength blended perfectly –leaving a lasting impression. Her influence and investment in my life left me a better person. I'm so thankful for the wisdom and love she shared, for the humble strength and grace she modeled so well. She and JD always kept tabs on and supported me, there for all my milestones: they dedicated me as a baby, mentored me as I grew, then married Steve and I. As my 1stgrade teacher, Glady helped instill a lifelong love of learning, then fostered it as my favorite librarian. The countless game-nights I spent alongside her, JD, & my grandparents offered valuable lessons in respect, friendship, and even accountability (my g'ma or JD trying to cheat was a lost cause)! Just growing up around her helped me learn the virtues of a Godly woman & wife. Glady taught by example, then expected our very best. With high expectations and encouragement, she instilled confidence, uncovered potential, and motivated many to excel. We miss you, but celebrate as we hear the echo of your Master's welcome: “Well done, my good and faithful servant, now come, Gladys, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the earth.” And, after a joyful reunion with JD, finally enjoy an honest game of UNO w/him and my grandparents–save a seat at the card table for me!

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**Jamey Koralewski** - June 17, 2010 at 11:18 AM

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“Love and Prayers are with you all at this time. Glady was a inspiration, encourager and loved all the family of God. She will be greatly missed but Im sure she is having a ball with the Lord and J.D

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**Vicky Lawrence** - June 16, 2010 at 06:49 PM

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“ To Glady's family, Glady & JD were very special people in my life and I will treasure my relationship with them forever. There were times they were like parents to me & I love them for that. During my time as church secretary at Toledo Covenant, I was able to spend a lot of time with them & with your family. I have wonderful memories. I wish I could be there for Glady's service so I could see her one last time & be able to see all of you again. The picture you have put in her obituary is exactly how I remember her with a smile on her face & that look in her eyes that you were always welcome to come sit and talk to her. I rejoice in knowing that she is now with her Lord, JD & all that have gone before her. I'm sorry that we were out of touch with each other for so many years, but I know that I will see them both again. My love and prayers to all of you, Diane Barfell Beavers

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**Diane Barfell Beavers** - June 16, 2010 at 01:08 AM