



# Helen "Aileen" Van Tiem

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## Helen "Aileen" Van Tiem

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**H**elen "Aileen" Van Tiem, age 92, of St. Clair, passed away March 15, 2024 surrounded by her family. She was born November 12, 1931 in East China Twp., to the late Theodore and Helen Achatz. She married Lawrence Van Tiem on January 5, 1951 in Detroit. He passed away September 1, 2011.

Helen and Larry raised 10 children. They were an inseparable team guiding their children with faith and love. Family was everything to them. Helen loved to prepare meals for family and friends. The scent of fresh bread or a favorite meal often greeted those who entered her home. She loved to celebrate family events; Christmas was one of her favorites.

Helen, was an avid reader. She also enjoyed knitting and crocheting things for her family. Growing up on a farm, she loved horseback riding. Favorite family vacations included camping trips.

Helen was a very strong person despite her quite manner. Her deep faith carried her through challenging times, a powerful example to those around her. Helen was a longtime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Clair.

She is survived by her children, Larry (Penny), Helen (Tom) Kolafa, Mike (Diane), John (Teri), Mark (Karen), Ray (Sharon), Blane (Mary), Karen (John) Plizga, Ann Marie (Eric) Singer, Mary (Glenn) Arrowood; as well as 27 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren, along with many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Helen was preceded in death by her daughter, Barbara Van Tiem; sister, Ursula Miller; and brothers, Theodore "Bud", Fred, and John Achatz.

Friday, March 22nd: visiting hours will be from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Young Funeral Home, China Twp. A rosary will be recited at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 23rd: Prayers will be said at 10:15 a.m. at the funeral home with procession to church prior to mass. Funeral mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Clair. Interment to follow at St. Mary's Cemetery.



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Memorials are suggested to the wishes of the family. To leave a message of comfort visit [www.youngcolonial.com](http://www.youngcolonial.com).



# Events

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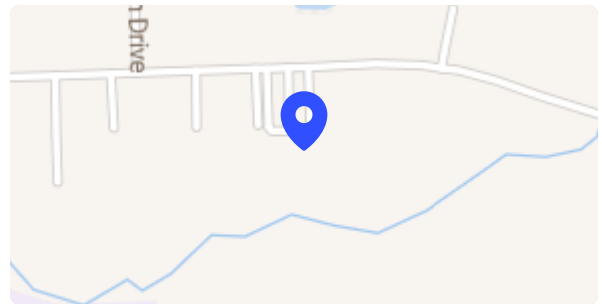
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## Visitation

**Friday**, March 22, 2024

3:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

**Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home**  
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI

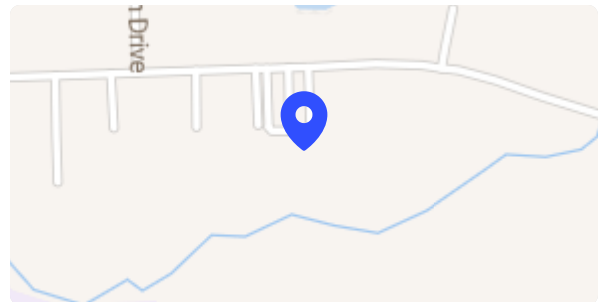


## Rosary

**Friday**, March 22, 2024

7:00 PM - 7:30 PM ET

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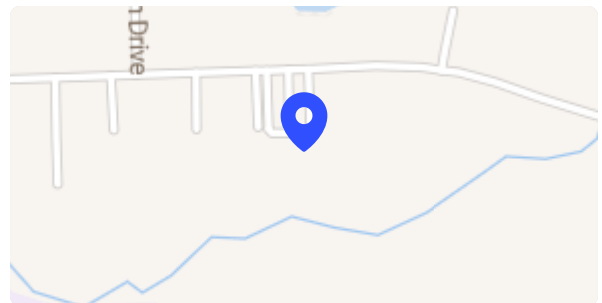


## Prayers

**Saturday**, March 23, 2024

10:15 AM - 10:30 AM ET

**Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home**  
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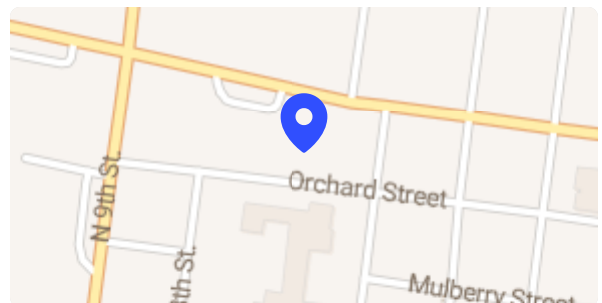


## Funeral Mass

**Saturday**, March 23, 2024

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
415 N. Sixth St., St. Clair MI 48079






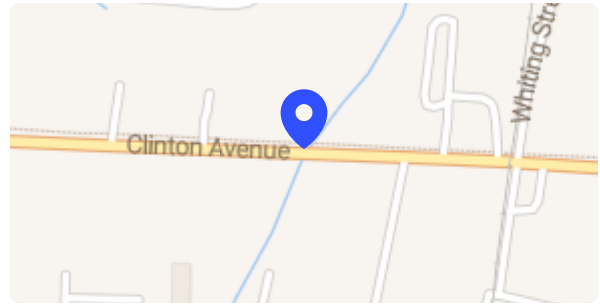
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### Cemetery Details

 **St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery**  
Clinton Ave., St. Clair MI





## Tribute Wall

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**David Phillips** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Helen.

March 22 at 7:55 AM



**David Phillips** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Van Tiem family.

March 22 at 7:55 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Van Tiem family.

March 22 at 5:31 AM



**Nathaniel, Katie And Great Grandchildren** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Helen.

March 21 at 8:35 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Van Tiem family.

March 21 at 8:35 PM



**Kelley Marie Riley** posted:

Dear VanTiem Family,God Bless your sweet Mom and Grandmother, John I always enjoyed our chats about our parents What a long and wonderful life, and legacy she and your Dad have left in this world!Warmest regards,Kelley Riley

March 21 at 12:40 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Van Tiem family.

March 19 at 11:52 AM



**Bruce Twp. Treasurers Office Frank & Bob** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Helen.

March 18 at 9:00 AM



**Bruce Twp. Treasurers Office Frank & Bob** sent a Mother - Angel Figurine, 8.5 in to the Van Tiem family.

March 18 at 9:00 AM



**Janet Kulka** posted:

I am so sorry for the lose of your mother. We had so much fun dancing together. I enjoyed all the stories she use to tell me about her family. She will be deeply missed. Sincerely, Janet K. BWL

March 17 at 11:26 AM



**Joseph & Gladys Page** posted:

Just to fine it hard to know that another person we know has gone home to the father that created her, we have memory of her and her family over the years, may she now rest in Gods love for her and her family. Joe & Glady Page Davison ,Mi

March 17 at 10:31 AM



**John Van Tiem** March 21 at 9:47 AM

Thank you for the kind words for my mother and our family. She is now reunited with my dad and sister. John and Teri Van Tiem



**Theresa And Bill Barrons** March 17 at 11:19 AM

Our prayers are with this beautiful family as they mourn this loss. May perpetual light shine upon her.



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Helen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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