



Joyce Ann Thomas

March 9, 1937 - May 28, 2024

Joyce Thomas passed away peacefully on the morning of Tuesday, May 28, 2024. She was at home, surrounded by loved ones. Joyce dedicated her life to the nurturing care of her family, exemplifying a spirit of love and devotion that touched the lives of all who knew her. She raised three generations of her beloved family with great pride, starting with her siblings and ending with her grandchildren. Joyce was an avid reader, extensive traveler, gardener, and dog lover. She cherished time with her sisters at Walloon Lake and going up to her son Jet's cabin in Boyne City, MI.

From her stint as homecoming queen in 1955 to becoming a hometown hero who saved a boy's life after he fell through the ice, she lived all of her 87 years with beauty and grace. Joyce traveled the world, gave the best winks, always knew when the time was right for a martini, and kept us honest with her loving and wry sense of humor. She will be deeply missed by many.

Joyce was born on March 9, 1937, in Clinton, Michigan, to Clinton William Hoelzer and Edna Marie (Wackenhut) Hoelzer. She leaves her daughter, Laura Veraldi. She was recently predeceased by her son, John Edward Thomas "Jet", and her ex-husband, John Conrad Thomas.

Joyce is survived by her loving siblings: Shirley Porterfield, Bonnie Buckmaster, William "Butch" Hoelzer, and Thomas Hoelzer. She was

predeceased by her siblings John Hoelzer and Susan Underwood. Her grandchildren, Courtney Veraldi, Tavi Veraldi, Lucy Chadwick, Charlotte Thomas, Grace Rother, Cody Chadwick, Lewis Veraldi, her great-grandchild Blair Chadwick, and many nieces and nephews have loved her deeply and dearly. She will be especially missed by her best friend Ellen.

Family and friends may visit from 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home on Saturday, July 6, 2024. There will be an open-mic time for sharing stories and memories that will take place from 2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Memorial contributions in Joyce's name may be made to the Humane Society of Huron Valley, and envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To share a memory you have of Joyce, to sign her guestbook, or for directions, please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUL 6. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
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Open Mic Sharing Time

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Tribute Wall

BB

“ Bonnie B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Ann Thomas.

Bonnie B. - July 06, 2024 at 08:53 AM

CF

“ Chadwick Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Joyce Ann Thomas.



Chadwick Family - July 05, 2024 at 08:06 PM

DF

“ Dale, Shirley Porterfield and Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joyce Ann Thomas.



Dale, Shirley Porterfield and Family - July 05, 2024 at 04:12 PM

JP

“ Jane P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Ann Thomas.

Jane P. - July 05, 2024 at 03:34 PM

DB

“ David, Haley, Delilah & Owen Buckmaster planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Ann Thomas.

David, Haley, Delilah & Owen Buckmaster - July 04, 2024 at 09:21 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Thomas.



July 04, 2024 at 09:21 AM

CH

“ Clinton H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Ann Thomas.

Clinton H. - June 30, 2024 at 10:29 AM

JA

“ I will forever cherish the memories of the crazy, fun, and loving times shared with my Aunt Joyce. Amazing lady, lit up a room like no others with her smile and witty charm; turned lemons into an extra dry Absolut martini w olives and a splash of vermouth! Merci et adieu. Missing you deeply. Love, Niece Jane



jane - June 29, 2024 at 05:39 PM

SB

LAURIE, I'm so sorry. JET, you, Jane, Eleanor, your mom and dad were the best family I could have ever asked for. So many amazing memories of your mom's kind heart, that took me in as hers- even putting my graduation pic on your wall along with Jane and Eleanor. Your mom was so full of love and caring. No one in my life cared about my sadness as a teen except her. She drove all the way to my house to see why I was upset one day. I'll never forget that. She really cared. I'm so sorry I didn't get to say goodbye. I loved her like a mom. I hope someday I can see her and express my gratitude. Love you too Laurie, as a sister. I hope to see you soon

Sheri Barron - October 31, 2024 at 11:50 AM

JP

“ 12 files added to the album *Joyce and Sisters - Fun Times*



jane porterfield - June 29, 2024 at 02:33 PM

JW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Joyce was fabulous! Lots of great memories when we lived on Gibson Street. I really enjoyed babysitting the kids! Love, Mark and Jan (Shelley) Wegner



Jan Wegner - June 10, 2024 at 12:54 PM

TB

“ To know her was to love her.
She will be greatly missed ☐

Terry Bedzyk - June 05, 2024 at 03:58 PM

LA

“ Laura planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Ann Thomas.

Laura - June 05, 2024 at 03:17 PM

LA

“ Laura purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joyce Ann Thomas.



Laura - June 05, 2024 at 03:17 PM