



Joyce A. Schmalz

April 5, 1935 - April 14, 2014

Joyce A. Schmalz, age 79 of Harbor Beach, passed away April 14, 2014 surrounded by her family. Joyce was born on April 5, 1935 in Port Huron, Michigan to the late Lewis and Phyllis (Stapleford) Christenson. Joyce and Richard Schmalz were united in marriage on October 23, 1954.

We celebrate the 59 years Joyce and Richard spent together and the wonderful family they raised. She will be dearly missed by her husband Richard and their 4 children and families, Beth Ann Welker (Alfred) of Harbor Beach, Paul (Theresa) of Valley View, Ohio, Michael (Sharon) of Harbor Beach, Daniel (Rory Murguia) of Aiken, South Carolina as well as her brother Mark Christenson (Ann) of Wales, Michigan. Joyce was so loved by her 7 grandchildren, Jennifer, Andrew, Zachary, Gabriel, Maya, Jade and Leah as well as many wonderful nieces and nephews. She is also greatly missed by her Cocker Spaniel, Bailey.

Joyce brought joy and laughter to everyone she met. She was devoted to her family and the "favorite" aunt to many. Professionally Joyce was a medical transcriptionist for 45 years, beginning her career at Port Huron General Hospital while her husband was in the US Army stationed in Korea and ending her career with retirement from Huron Medical Center in 1999. Joyce and Richard enjoyed traveling in their motorhome with family and friends. Her most favorite trips were to Sault St. Marie where she could enjoy watching the

freighters go by like she did as a child growing up on the St. Clair River. Joyce was an avid bird watcher and loved the blooming of her flowers in the spring. She was a devoted Detroit Tigers fan and enjoyed a good game of "31" with her grandchildren.

A celebration of Joyce's life will take place on May 3, 2014 at the United Methodist Church in Harbor Beach at 2pm. Family and friends may gather at the church from 12:30 to the time of service.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce A. Schmalz*

October 04, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Joyce passing. I worked with her at Huron Medical Center.*
Sue Schweitzer



Susan Schweitzer - May 02, 2014 at 10:16 AM



“ *Redburn Family lit a candle in memory of Joyce A. Schmalz*



Redburn Family - April 28, 2014 at 11:32 AM

DC

“ Uncle Rich & family,

Dave and I were very sad to hear of Aunt Joyce's passing. She was a wonderful example of a classy lady, loyal friend, loving wife, mother & gramma. Although we'll all miss her at family gatherings, we have many memories to hold dear to our hearts.

It's a comfort that Aunt Joyce knew how loved she was as she left us. May the Lord wrap her in His loving arms until we meet again.

Love, Dave & Cindy

Dave & Cindy - April 24, 2014 at 12:30 PM

JS

“ *All i know is that i lost my best friend, we always had the best time ever. She always said come in and lets have a drink. Well you know i never turned her down. When i would be feeling a little sad, i would call het up and bitch a little and then we would both end up laughing our butts off. She was a great lady that i'll never forget. While your in heaven, look up zach and give him a hug from his nana. Love and miss you so much.*

Judy schmalz - April 22, 2014 at 07:23 PM

LK

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Joyce's passing. She was truly a wonderful special person and I cherish the time I did get to spend with her. My deepest condolences and prayers to Rich and her entire family.*

Laurie Kirsch - April 22, 2014 at 12:54 PM

CC

“ Rich, Our deepest sympathy to your and your family. Carl & Sandy Clink

carl clink - April 19, 2014 at 04:37 PM

KR

“ Kim Redburn lit a candle in memory of Joyce A. Schmalz



Kim Redburn - April 17, 2014 at 05:08 PM

JS

Thanks Kim, xoxo

Judy schmalz - April 23, 2014 at 05:32 PM

LN

“ Uncle Rich,Bethann,Paul,Mike and Dan and families , So sorry about Aunt Joyce"s passing, but very thankful of all the great memories of her up north at the cabin all those years .The canoe trips down the thunder bay,the cooking of turkeys all night for thanksgiving day ,all the family get togethers we had, could not ever ask for a greater family. Love you guys Don ,Linda, Kristen& Kasey

Linda Nuss - April 17, 2014 at 03:03 PM

LN

“ Linda Nuss lit a candle in memory of Joyce A. Schmalz



Linda Nuss - April 17, 2014 at 02:48 PM

 Beth
Cole

“ *Our prayers are with all of you!! She was a wonderful lady!!!*




Beth Cole - April 17, 2014 at 12:06 PM

JS

“ *Jan Sloan lit a candle in memory of Joyce A. Schmalz*




Jan Sloan - April 17, 2014 at 10:36 AM

 Kristi
Arntz

“ *Rich, Mike, Beth and family ~ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Joyce. I know I don't have to tell you that she was such a sweet and caring lady as you already know that. I am very proud to have known Joyce. My deepest sympathy goes out to you during this hard time.*

Kristi (Roberts) Arntz

Kristi Arntz - April 16, 2014 at 03:50 PM

 Kristi
Arntz

“ *Kristi Arntz lit a candle in memory of Joyce A. Schmalz*



Kristi Arntz - April 16, 2014 at 03:44 PM

Janet Smith

“ Janet Smith lit a candle in memory of Joyce A. Schmalz



Janet Smith - April 16, 2014 at 12:33 PM

Janet Smith

Joyce was so sweet and glad to see me whenever I visited. She love to know what was new since my last visit! I will miss her big hugs! Sending prayers and love to all the Schmalz families as they go through this most difficult time!

Janet Smith - April 16, 2014 at 12:40 PM

SS

Thank you...she loved your visits!!!!

Sharon Schmalz - April 16, 2014 at 01:06 PM

BE

Thank you...She did so love your visits!!!

Beth - April 16, 2014 at 06:24 PM

SS

“ 5 files added to the album Joyce and Family



Sharon Schmalz - April 16, 2014 at 12:26 PM

SS

“ 11 files added to the album *Joyce and Family*



Sharon Schmalz - April 16, 2014 at 12:13 PM

SS

“ 1 file added to the album *Joyce and Family*



Sharon Schmalz - April 16, 2014 at 11:52 AM

SS

Grandma Joyce with her grandchildren....Jeni and Andrew Schmalz and Zach Martinez

Sharon Schmalz - April 16, 2014 at 12:19 PM

RT

“ *Renee Terwillegar lit a candle in memory of Joyce A. Schmalz*



Renee Terwillegar - April 16, 2014 at 11:20 AM

RT

“Joyce was a wonderful, kind and loving friend. She will be missed by all who knew her and we were all blessed to have had her as part of our lives. Our love, prayers and sympathies go out to the whole family

Renee Terwillegar - April 16, 2014 at 11:19 AM

BE

We thank you so much

Beth - April 16, 2014 at 06:27 PM

MH

“Mary Howard lit a candle in memory of Joyce A. Schmalz



Mary Howard - April 16, 2014 at 10:48 AM

MH

“I am deeply saddened by the loss of my Aunt Joyce. She was such a wonderful, loving lady. We had so many good times at our family reunions and get-togethers, playing cards, laughing and drinking. She will be greatly missed. My deepest condolences to my Uncle Rich, Beth, Al, Paul, Terri, Mike, Sharon, Dan and Rory and to her grandchildren and all those who loved her. <3

Mary Howard - April 16, 2014 at 10:47 AM

BE

She always enjoyed your visits!!

Beth - April 16, 2014 at 06:29 PM

PA

We sure share some great memories! All those reunions. Weekends up at Light House Park. Canoe trips! The many holidays we all spent together when we were kids. Going up north to Aunt Bee's and the Wades cabin. We have a big close family that we all need to be proud of! I want to thank everyone for all your support during this hard time at the passing of Mom!

Paul - April 21, 2014 at 11:21 PM