



Marjory C. Ahrens

October 16, 1938 - December 3, 2020

Marjory C Ahrens, 82, of Harbor Beach, passed peacefully into eternity at the home of her son, on Thursday, December 3, 2020, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Harbor Beach, MI, October 16, 1938 to the late Claire Johnson and Lucille Johnson. Marjory was united in marriage with her loving husband, of 53 years, Fred Ahrens on July 1, 1967. He survives her. Together, they raised two sons, Andrew and Kevin (Beth) Ahrens.

Marjory attended Westmont College in Santa Barbara, CA, receiving a degree in Christian education, followed by her Master's Degree in Library Science from Central Michigan University.

She enjoyed a career in Bangor Township Schools, before retiring and moving back to Harbor Beach from Essexville, Mi. She shared her beautiful musical talents serving congregations in Essexville Baptist Church and First Presbyterian Church in Harbor Beach as their organist. Marjory was a true servant of God.

In addition to her strong faith and love of music, Marjory cherished her family and many friends. Spending time at her son's cottage, gardening, bird watching, cooking/baking and Bible studies were some of her passions.

As well as her husband and sons, Marjory is survived by four grandchildren, Michael (Amber), Mason, Ryder, and Laila, whom she loved very much.

Also left to cherish her memory, are her siblings, Dave (April) Johnson, Mary Ellen (Jack) Hessling, and sister/brother in-laws, Kathleen Frissbee, Diane (Willard) Messing, John (Barb) Ahrens, and Jeff Ahrens. She was preceded in death by her dear brother, Bruce Johnson in Vietnam. In addition, Marjory loved her nieces and nephews, Bruce (Margie) Johnson, Colleen (Kent) Nunn, Bryan (Rebecca) Johnson, Lia (David) Gulick, Rhonda (Paul) Bucholtz, David (Terra) Johnson, Laurie (Doug) Griffin, Jennifer (Jimmy) Hubbard, Jason (Indira) Hessling and their families.

Special Friends Karen Johnson, Pastor Connie Sassanella, Heather Legatz, and her Bible study group were dear to her heart. Marjory will be dearly missed by all who knew her and her beautiful smile and warm spirit.

Per Marjory's request, cremation has taken place. Due to Covid restrictions, a small family service will be held Tuesday December 8th, at 11:00 am at First Presbyterian Church in Harbor Beach, with Pastor Connie Sassanella officiating with grave side service following. Friends may gather at the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach from 10 am until time of services at the church. A celebration of life will take place in the summer of 2021 with all welcome! In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made out to Camp Lake Louise.

Cemetery Details

Rock Falls Cemetery

Harbor Beach, MI 48441

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends

DEC 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ramsey Funeral Home, Inc
425 State St
Harbor Beach, MI 48441
(989) 479-3407
<https://www.ramseyfh.com>

Memorial Service

DEC 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
State Street
Harbor Beach, MI 48441

Tribute Wall



“ *Marjory C. Ahrens*

October 04, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *I was saddened to hear of Marjory's passing, but joyful in knowing that she is now in the presence of Jesus Christ, her Lord and Savior. Marjory was my piano teacher for several years when I was in grade school in Harbor Beach, and I was probably her very worst student. I practiced more baseball than piano. But she put up with me, and touched my life in ways she never knew.*

We reconnected at First Presbyterian years later when she and Fred returned to Harbor Beach. An especially fond memory was when Marjory led worship during my mother's funeral service in 2010. She led worship in church, and the presence of the Lord in her life was obvious to all who knew her. She was a blessing.

*Rev. Vardon Gainor
Mechanicsburg PA*

Vardon Gainor - December 15, 2020 at 08:59 PM



“ *I can't believe we lost such a wonderful lady! I loved seeing her come into the library every week to get new books! She will be dearly missed! Her and Fred were one of my two favorite patrons that came into the library! I will miss seeing the smile on her face when I told her I had a new book just for her.*

*- Jordan Stallings
Harbor Beach Library Clerk*

Jordan Stallings - December 10, 2020 at 03:51 PM

RC

“ Randy and I first met Marge and Fred when their son Drew (Andy as his mom called him) brought them over to meet us and watch the wildlife. We visited on the back porch and they got to see some deer. That was an enjoyable time as well as our pontoon rides on the lake. Marge was a sweet, kind person. She always planted beautiful flower boxes for Drew's cottage...so pretty. I'm sure that Drew and Kevin know how lucky they were to have a mother like her. God has her in his keeping, they have her in their hearts forever.
🌹 Rest in Peace Marge 🌹
Love and Prayers,
Randy and Margie Collier

Randy and Margie Collier - December 08, 2020 at 01:15 PM

BP

“ Fred and Family,
Please accept my sincere sympathy at this time of Marge's passing. Her faith has now been fulfilled as she now is in the presence of Jesus and no longer has to walk by faith but lives by sight. May you find comfort and peace in the eternal love that God has had for Marge and continues to have for you. I remember well the whole Johnson family who at the time lived in the house on Trescott St. just behind the Methodist church. I was a bit older but by going to the same school, had contacts on many occasions. Many years passed and my family was blessed by having Marge participate and lead the music for my mother's funeral in 2010. She was so great to work with during that funeral time and I'm sure has blessed many more families as she served the church. She will be remembered fondly by all who knew her and certainly missed.
Blessings always,
Bob Pangman

Bob Pangman - December 08, 2020 at 11:57 AM

FP

“ I first met Margie (as she was called then) when I was 11; she was 13 and we sat together on a bus to go see Billy Graham. We instantly became friends and looked forward to meeting at Lake Louise Camp, that's where I first heard Marge sing and play the piano. The impact on me was tremendous and every time I arrived at Lake Louise after that, I headed for the conference center, I could always hear the piano before I arrived there. I took my place on the piano bench and spent so many hours, days and years listening to her music. She introduced me to Clair de Lune and it touched my soul and still does. At my mother's funeral in 1994, she got up from the pew, went to the baby grand and played Clair de Lune. She sang and played the piano for my father's funeral the same year. My family treated her as one of the family and expressed their great sadness upon hearing of her death..We started our teaching careers in Novi Mi, in a K-8 school that was going to become a K-12 school. She was an elementary librarian and brought home kiddie lit books for me to read, every Caldecott and Newberry award winning book the library received. She introduced me to Winnie the Pooh and I sat for hours while she read it to me, it didn't take long to determine that I was Eeeyore and I have many books and porcelain animals and hanging quotes to prove it. I went to basketball games and watched brother Bruce and then Fred play basketball. One of the last times I saw Bruce he was working in road construction on M-53, earning money to buy Bonnie an engagement ring. When Marge decided she wanted to move back to CA and get a teaching job where she had gone to Westmont, I rode with her and then flew back home, thinking I wouldn't see her much anymore. A few weeks later she called me, no luck with the job and would I please ask the superintendent if she could have her job back. He was delighted, she was a wonderful librarian. However, she started dating Fred and ended up getting married and moving to Essexville. She worked summers in Caseville and she and Miss Pat put on the most wonderful productions which drew very large crowds. We've always stayed in touch, sometimes going long periods without touching base but always reuniting someplace. It is with great sorrow that I say goodbye until we meet again. Flo Pangborn.

Florence Pangborn - December 07, 2020 at 08:35 PM

BH

i a m mike houlihan margies cuz bruce johnson lived with us marlet mich i think 1956 or 57 he worked with my dad on paving m53 he was a flagman what a summer. we came to calif in 1958 to riverside cal in november marge came down from school in santa barba ca and brought us kids christmas presants. altho i was onley 10 years old when we lift mich i have many fond memories of cousins bruce and margie. may they rest in the hand of the lord a half an hour before the devil knows that thay have passed

BERNARD HOULIHAN - December 09, 2020 at 10:44 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Marjory C. Ahrens.



December 06, 2020 at 04:45 PM

MA

“ I am a cousin, Marian Oles Armitage. I babysat Marge and her brothers. Marge was the image of her mother, beautiful, kind Christian ladies.

marian armitage - December 06, 2020 at 02:41 PM

KE

“ I first met Marge when she was my music teacher at Bangor West Elementary School, and as a musical kid, I couldn't wait for her class each week. Then as an adult, my husband Larry and I sang with her in the choir at Essexville Baptist. She was a soft-spoken, tenderhearted example of what a Christian woman should be. I loved singing and worshipping with her, but also remember the Bible Studies she would do as a part of choir practice. Thank you for making an impact on Larry and me!

Kelly Grein Jacobs

Kelly - December 05, 2020 at 04:32 PM

DH

Heaven gained a real Christian woman. What a musically talented gal she was and lent that to many of us. Dan played many many duets with Marge at Essexville Baptist Community Church. Who else but Marge could control Miss Pat! I had the privilege of singing in a trip with her and her sister Mary Ellen and am so thankful for that. We considered her a dear friend.

Dan and Rae Harfst

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Dan and Rae Harfst - December 06, 2020 at 01:38 AM

JA

“ My earliest memories of Marge are from Essexville Baptist. She led the music for many different kids programs. While I was in the children's choir, we performed at another church and I had fainted while on stage. Marge was the one who consoled me and took me under her wing (literally) while we exited. She later became my Sunday School teacher during my teenage years. Her lesson on "forgiveness" has stuck with me throughout my life. A special lady indeed.

Jennifer (Doane) Aguirre - December 05, 2020 at 02:06 PM