



## Ann Hinsdale-Knisel

October 24, 1950 - June 8, 2023

SAND CREEK- Ann Hinsdale-Knisel, 72, of Sand Creek, Michigan went to be with her Lord on Thursday evening, June 8, 2023 at Toledo Hospital surrounded by her family.

Ann was born on October 24, 1950 in Adrian, Michigan, the oldest child of Robert E. and Ardyth (Goldsmith) Hinsdale. Ann attended Sand Creek Community Schools and graduated with the Class of 1968. She continued her education at Eastern Michigan University where she obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics and Sociology, and a Master's of Science degree in Family Living and Child Development.

After college, Ann went on to teach at Dundee High School from 1972 to 1976. She returned to Lenawee County where she was the Director of the MSU Extension Office from 1976 to 2003. Deciding she wasn't ready to retire quite yet, Ann went to work for the Lenawee Intermediate School District (LISD) as the Relations Coordinator from 2007-2017.

Ann's attention to detail and organization was evident in every area of her life. She was involved on many boards and community events, such as Civitan for Lenawee, Lenawee County Education Foundation, NAACP, Allen and Nadia Myers Foundation and Sand Creek Community Church where she was a lifelong member.

Ann was the recipient of numerous local and state awards including the Athena Award, Laura Haviland Award and Distinguished Faculty at Michigan State University.

On December 13, 1980 Ann married William "Bill" Knisel and they celebrated 37 years together before his death on March 26, 2018.

Ann was a natural for party planning and always had great ideas for family celebrations. She enjoyed traveling and some of her favorite trips included Australia, Egypt, Moscow, Alaska and Hawaii.

She is survived by her children, Jenna Knisel of Sand Creek and Jason Knisel of Riga; siblings, Oda (Michael) Coon of Sand Creek, Grover (Laura) Hinsdale of Atlanta, GA, and Eva (Steven) Waltz of Sand Creek; grandchildren, Mariah Rable, Cloe' and Seth Knisel; sisters-in-law, Karla (Bill) Kasefang and Kris (Mark) Hubbard. Beloved "Auntie Ann" is treasured by her nieces and nephews, Benjamin, Michelle, Jacob, Shannon, Leah, Ashley, Bobby, Abby, Luke, Kelsey, Rita, Lou, Kyra, Luke, Leon, LeAn, Isaiah, Madeline, Elias, Fischer, Finn, Louie, Joe, Kendall, Lauren, Quinten and Payten. Ann was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bill; and in-laws, Jarvis and Betty Knisel

Funeral services will take place on Friday, June 16, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian with Pastor Jamie Driskill officiating. Burial will follow at Sand Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, June 15, 2023 from 4 to 8 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lenawee Intermediate School District, Sand Creek Community Church or the Lenawee County 4-H Council. Ann left this world still thinking and doing for others, as she was a gift of life donor. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Sand Creek Cemetery

440 Bryant Road  
Sand Creek, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 15.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
(517) 263-1400  
[info@wagleyfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@wagleyfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

## Funeral Service

**JUN 16.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
(517) 263-1400  
[info@wagleyfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@wagleyfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

# Tribute Wall

JK

“ *Ann was special colleague of mine at Michigan State; she made many contributions for all she worked with and I was one of the recipients. Joanne Keith*

Joanne Keith - July 08, 2023 at 05:29 PM

BK

“ *Bruce Knisel lit a candle in memory of Ann Hinsdale-Knisel*



Bruce Knisel - July 06, 2023 at 07:56 PM

WS

“ *Wafa S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ann Hinsdale-Knisel.*

Wafa S. - June 25, 2023 at 10:28 AM

MH

“ *I was an instructor at EMU when I spotted Anne are a gifted student. Her career echoed my prediction that she would do great things.. We both worked for Cooperative Extension Service and I watched her upward path.  
So sorry to lose  
such a sweet person as Anne . Marion Prince Holt*

Marion Prince Holt - June 23, 2023 at 09:32 PM

EM

“ Condolences for a wonderful person. I knew the Hinsdale Family as a young girl when my brother-in-law David Mckown worked for them. I had fun times playing with Ann, Oda and little Eva. She will be missed. Elaine Marquis

Elaine Marquis - June 21, 2023 at 03:22 PM

SR

“ Miss Hinsdale was my high school Home Ec teacher at Dundee schools in 1975, and I remember her as a very nice, helpful, and classy woman/teacher. She taught us a lot and I really enjoyed learning from her. She made a life lasting good impression on me. My sincere condolences to her family.

Sharon Minney Ramirez - June 19, 2023 at 11:02 PM

MB

“ Condolences for the loss of a very special person, Ann. I knew Ann through the Lucy Wolcott Barnum Chapter DAR in Adrian. I also was a reader of her column in the Adrian Daily Telegram for years. May your memories be of comfort. ❤️ Margaret Rorick Beach of Tecumseh Michigan.

Margaret Rorick Beach - June 17, 2023 at 05:19 PM



“ All Time Favorites Gift Box was purchased for the family of Ann Hinsdale-Knisel.



June 15, 2023 at 07:02 PM

JT

“ How could I ever say anything more than what others have said in their tributes to Ann but my memories go much farther back....70 years to be exact. Most all of those memories revolve around our families and the way they loved and supported one another through World War, births, deaths, catastrophic illnesses, joys, moments of intense pride, marriages, sporting events, Band and Orchestra performances, Church events etc. All held together by a web of strong friendship and a firm trust in a God that loved us and held us together by His love and strength. Oda and Mike, Grover and Laura, Steve and Eva, Jenna and Jason. We grieve with you over your loss but know that Ann has probably already found a "job" in Heaven that needs her talents. I am sure she has received great rewards already and of course she is rejoicing with your mom and dad and mine. It is a comfort to know I will see her again. Until that time, I have great warm memories of our times together as family.  
Ron and Jerolyn (Marlatt) Towne  
Montrose, Colorado

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Jerolyn (Marlatt) Towne - June 15, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ Dearest Oda, Grover, Eva, Jenna and family . . . Oh how very, very sorry we are for the loss of such a beloved, beautiful, kind and loving sister and mother. From the time I was a little girl of 5 or 6 I always wanted to be "just like Ann!" When I spent the night with Eva as a child i would watch her every move in hopes of imitating her. I absolutely adored her! When I was 27 years old and widowed, you precious "Hinsdale girls" were so beyond kind to me! I remember Ann gave me a whole bag of beautiful clothes as all of mine were still up in Alaska. I was so touched. Then, she had me over for lunch and talked with me about what I was feeling. She was so compassionate and understanding. When my dear father died, Ann took charge of the service at church and allowed people to express how thankful they felt. It was so comforting and helpful. We all so admired and loved Ann. She was such a light in this dark world and her personal presence brought light to anyone and everyone who was blest to know her! May God comfort you, my dearest childhood friends and Jenna. Love, Nancy Jorden Sullivan & Barry Sullivan

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**Nancy Sullivan** - June 14, 2023 at 10:56 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ann Hinsdale-Knisel.



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June 14, 2023 at 02:13 PM

WM

“ You welcomed me and my family to your life, to your family. You shared your time, and your love. 4 \_ H club is lucky to have as a leader, and it was your life. You opened my eyes on a rich culture such as Paw wow. You were on the run always with a million meeting and appointments. You served in a style my friend. You always have a place in my heart. Your loss, does not seem real.MISS YOU.

Wafa Mualla - June 14, 2023 at 01:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ann Hinsdale-Knisel.



June 14, 2023 at 07:42 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ann Hinsdale-Knisel.



June 13, 2023 at 11:28 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ann Hinsdale-Knisel.



June 13, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ann Hinsdale-Knisel.*



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June 13, 2023 at 09:25 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ann Hinsdale-Knisel.

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June 13, 2023 at 09:25 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to Jenna, Jason and the rest of Ann's family. What an amazing woman. She had great impact on the communities she lived in and served. I had the honor and pleasure of traveling the state with Ann, Tom Coon, Juan Marinez and host of others while conducting "round table" listening sessions for MSU Extension. People just gravitated to her. She will be missed by many, including me.*

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**Terri Badgley** - June 13, 2023 at 09:16 AM



“ *One cannot know sadness without experiencing joy first. Ann brought joy to all she came into contact with. Special thoughts and prayers for all of the family. -Lisa Wilkie Neuman*

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**Lisa Neuman** - June 13, 2023 at 06:40 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ann Hinsdale-Knisel.*



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June 12, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *Jenna and Family,  
After working with Ann for 25 years there are many, many memories. She genuinely cared for people as individuals. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Hoping that the support of loved ones brings you comfort during this sad time.  
Carolyn (MSUE) & David Noel*

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**Carolyn Noel** - June 12, 2023 at 07:04 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ann Hinsdale-Knisel.*



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June 12, 2023 at 03:32 PM

PP

“ Ann always had a smile when I would see her. When our Lowes store had its grand opening, Ann knew that I did food demo's at our Meijer store. She called on me to do a demo outside celebrating grilling there at their store. I knew her through the Bailey family and her love for my nieces and my nephew. So sorry Jenna, Jason, Oda, Eva and Grover for your loss.  
*Patty Selders Pearson*

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**Patty Pearson** - June 12, 2023 at 12:47 PM

CG

“ Please accept our condolences, Ann was so special to so many, our hearts ache with you all, Jenna you haven't left my thoughts since learning about your Mom.

*Ann was one of those people you enjoy every interaction with. She was a lady I always had deep admiration for, to me she was grace and serenity personified. The people she touched with her kindnesses are countless, to be sure. She was such a wonderful blessing to everyone, I'm forever grateful I knew her.*

*Sending love and prayer for strength to you all.*

*H and Carrie Green*

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**Carrie Green** - June 12, 2023 at 11:39 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ann Hinsdale-KniseL.



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June 12, 2023 at 10:34 AM

DG

“ *My deepest sympathies to Ann's family. I will always treasure the time I worked with Ann on various projects she was involved with. I especially will treasure the time Ann was a guest co-host on View Point. She always had great insight on the topics the listeners talked about. Ann was always professional and a great friend. Ann will truly be missed by many in Lenawee County.*

*Dale Gaertner  
WLEN-FM, Adrian*

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**Dale Gaertner** - June 12, 2023 at 10:33 AM

PA

“ *Patricia A. purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Ann Hinsdale-Knisel.*



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**Patricia A.** - June 12, 2023 at 10:07 AM

LD

“ *Our deepest sympathy and condolences for the loss of Ann Hinsdal Knisel. We will remember Ann for her love to all people in the community of Lenawee County. Everyone will miss her unique touch.*

*Our prayers for strength, consolation and peace for her daughter Jenna and family. God bless you. Mr. & Mrs. Luis & Awilda Dominguez, Princeton, Texas*

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**Luis & Awilda Dominguez** - June 11, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *I my heart is breaking. She was the glue that held the Lenawee Youth Arts festival together. Always willing to help make things happen and a kind and generous heart. I will miss her.*

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**Lorri Wittenkeller** - June 11, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ann Hinsdale-Knise.*



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June 11, 2023 at 01:59 PM

SH

“ Dear Hinsdale-Knisel family,

*My deepest condolences on the passing of your beloved Ann. As a mentor, she touched many lives, including mine, with her remarkable strength and gentle spirit.*

*Ann's contributions to our community, particularly her role in introducing the transformative S.M.I.L.E. program to Lenawee, were truly extraordinary. She understood the importance of approaching high-conflict family cases from a children's perspective. Her influence in our community is life-changing for many.*

*I will forever cherish the moments I shared with Ann, learning from her invaluable lesson of nurturing inner strength while embracing kindness and empathy. Her warm smile and unwavering belief in my potential have left an indelible mark on my heart.*

*Please know that all will cherish Ann's legacy and her impactful contributions. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

*With heartfelt sympathy,*

*Sonja Howell*

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**Sonja Howell** - June 11, 2023 at 10:07 AM

KB

“ So sorry for the loss of Ann. Spent a lot of my childhood at the farm, feeding calves and horseback riding. We picked elderberries one time and Ann baked the pie for us children. Bless your family!

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**Karen Bournes** - June 11, 2023 at 09:41 AM

AI

“ I only worked with Ann for a couple of years, but I will never forget her encouragement, professionalism, and kindness. She was a true blessing to everyone around her!

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**Amanda Iott** - June 11, 2023 at 07:13 AM

MS

“ Oda, Grover and Eva I am so sorry for your loss . Whenever I would run into Ann she of course had a smile on her face and always asked how the family was and she was so proud of all of her siblings. Grover when I would ask about you she always had a twinkle in her eye as she spoke. Moving forward will be difficult, but I am for certain you have so many beautiful memories of Ann...

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**Mary Skeels** - June 11, 2023 at 07:11 AM

DJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of teaching with Ann at Dundee. She served as a shining light with her leadership while serving as president of the DEA. It was a big loss for Dundee Community Schools when she left.

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**Doug Jennings** - June 10, 2023 at 08:36 PM

JR

“ May you rest in peace, Ann. You were a heaven sent to many but especially to me. You showed me so many things in the workforce, and helped to gain confidence in myself. You introduce me to many agencies in the community and statewide. I am so grateful and will never forget your kindness, your smile and your words “Jennie, you can achieve whatever you put your mind and heart to and with God at your side”. Peace and comfort to your families and friends. Jennie Ramos

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**Jennie Ramos** - June 10, 2023 at 07:17 PM

DG

“ We will always treasure our time in Civitan of Lenawee working with Ann on various projects. RIP...always missed & always loved.

*Dave & Ann Guldin*

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**David and Ann Guldin** - June 10, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ann Hinsdale-Knisel.



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June 10, 2023 at 12:16 PM

SP

“ Sorry to hear of Ann's death. I have not lived in Lenawee County in many years but still try to keep up with what happens there. I know Ann touched many lives. She will be missed. Hope to make it up to Sand Creek for homecoming this fall.

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**Steve Phenicie** - June 10, 2023 at 12:05 PM

ST

“ Our sincere condolences to Ann's family. I met Ann back in 1990s. Ann was very involved with the Civitan's Youth Leadership Diversity Conference , that is held every year. Ann was a very soft spoken person , who made the youth feel very at ease with her. Ann will be remembered and missed by us.

*Sandy Trevino*

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**Sandy Trevino** - June 10, 2023 at 11:33 AM

AS

“ It was always such a pleasure to work with Ann. She was an outstanding professional and leader, and she genuinely loved what she did. My condolences to her family.  
Anne Soderman

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**Anne Soderman** - June 09, 2023 at 11:48 PM

KQ

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of your kind, loving mom and sister. She was an incredible lady. The Quist family

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**Kim Quist** - June 09, 2023 at 08:45 PM

AS

“ When my siblings and I were little, back in the 70's, Ann would take all five of us (Bailey's) plus the three McMunn kids to her apartment or her parents farm to spend the night so that our moms could have a break. My mom said she really looked forward to that because she rarely got a break. I looked really forward to it because Ann made it so fun! I thought she was so pretty with her long blond hair, and she always smiled and seemed genuinely happy to have us with her. We would paint our fingernails, play outside, and stay up as late as we wanted. I loved it, and I loved Ann. Such a great memory for me! I'm sorry to her family.

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**Amy (Bailey) Stanton** - June 09, 2023 at 08:16 PM

RS

“ My heart is broken but filled with love and gratitude for the gift of life long friendship! For over 65 years my life has been impacted by Ann’s love, humor and generosity. So many fun memories from our days at Sand Creek and at Eastern Michigan. Through all these years you knew you could on Ann for help and guidance. I always looked forward to her visits to see Grover in Atlanta. She always reached out to let me know she was in town and arranged a time for us to get together. One of the last visits was with her Dad and sisters in tow. Great memories were made. Prayers for Jenna, Jason, Oda, Grover, Eva and her extended family and friends. God got a sweet Angel! So blessed to be your friend. ❤️🙏🙏

Ruth Sutton - June 09, 2023 at 07:30 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ann Hinsdale-Knisel.



June 09, 2023 at 07:30 PM

WR

“ A life that touches others will go on forever. And that was Ann 100 %. Her song has ended but her melody lingers on forever! She is at peace! Hugs to all who loved her!

Wayne & Karen Roback - June 09, 2023 at 05:04 PM

KR

“ Jenna...I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a special lady. Sending hugs to you.

Kathy Raines - June 09, 2023 at 04:42 PM