



Jane Elizabeth Kilchenman

May 5, 1922 - July 31, 2015

Jane Elizabeth Kilchenman, age 93, a longtime Blissfield resident, passed away on July 27, 2015 in Bloomington, Minnesota, where she lived for the past six years.

She was born on May 5, 1922 to James and Myrtle (Haas) Hill and was the youngest of three children. A graduate of the Blissfield High School Class of 1940, she earned a degree in education from Eastern Michigan University. Jane was united in marriage to her childhood sweetheart, William E. Kilchenman, on June 15, 1944, in front of the fireplace of her parents' home on White Street. Having met in kindergarten, they celebrated 54 years of marriage prior to his death in 1998.

For 34 years Jane taught in the Sylvania, Ohio and Blissfield, Michigan schools, including the two-room Standard School where she recalled the days of making lunch for the students and sending a student to a nearby farmhouse when an outgoing telephone call was necessary. She became Blissfield's first elementary school librarian when the new school opened, quietly encouraging literacy and the love of books to children. Upon retirement in 1980, she and Bill enjoyed time in Florida and Virginia, as well as long summers at the lake surrounded by family at their cabin in Curtis, MI, in the Upper Peninsula.

Jane is survived by her three children, William (Lynn) Kilchenman of

Chesapeake, Virginia; Linda (Tom) Somes of Addison, Michigan; Mark (Sue) Kilchenman of Bloomington, Minnesota; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A private family service and burial will take place. In lieu of other gestures of sympathy, the family would encourage a memorial to the Schultz Holmes Blissfield Library or the Curtis Public Library to honor her love for reading. Condolences to the family may be sent to www.WagleyFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Jane Elizabeth Kilchenman*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Thoughts, prayers and our sincerest sympathy to all of you.
Connie & Ken Graf*

Connie Graf - August 18, 2015 at 09:31 PM



“ *We are very sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. Our thoughts
and prayers are with you and your family.*

Rose Ann Lievens and the Lievens Family

Sharon Lievens Clark - August 09, 2015 at 06:14 PM



“ *Elizabeth Douglas lit a candle in memory of
Jane Elizabeth Kilchenman*



Elizabeth Douglas - August 05, 2015 at 10:36 PM



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“ . I loved summers at the lake with Grandma and Grandpa, family dinners, boat rides, taking Grandma to the "Magic Mirror" to get her hair done, going shopping in Newberry and then out to lunch, just the two of us. Grandma teaching me how to play Gin Rummy sitting at her kitchen table. Sometimes she would even let me win! Best memories are of her reading to me when I was younger. She passed her love of books on to me, and I passed that love to two of her great-grandchildren. One of my last memories of her up at the lake was a few years ago when my son was around 4-5 years old and my daughter was around 2, Grandma sitting on the deck at mom and dad's house, reading "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" to them. My Grandma always seemed to be there when I was growing up, I can't really remember a time when she wasn't there. I only wish that she was still here but know that she is in a better place now. I love and miss you Grandma.



Elizabeth Douglas - August 05, 2015 at 10:36 PM