



## Jule Fosbender

August 23, 1932 - October 7, 2011

ADRIAN – Jule J. Fosbender, 79, of Adrian, passed away Friday, October 7, 2011, at Bixby Medical Center.

She was born August 23, 1932, in Paw Paw, Michigan, the only daughter of Harold and Grace (Weaver) Walmer.

While in the sixth grade, Jule began working as a page at the Kalamazoo Library, where she later worked while studying for her master's degree at Western Michigan University. From 1954 to 1967 she was the head librarian for the Tecumseh Library. She retired from the Adrian Public Library in 2006 with 34 years of service. In April of this year, the Heritage Room at Adrian Public Library was dedicated to Jule.

She served as Past President and Treasurer of the Michigan Library Association, and Past President of the National Library Association for Small and Medium Libraries. In 1994, she was honored as Michigan Librarian of the Year. Jule was active in the community serving as Past President of the Optimists Club and Past President of Zonta.

She was also a world traveler, visiting 20 different countries.

Surviving is her son, Scott and his wife Patti of Ann Arbor; her sister-in-law, Elaine Dickinson, of Kalamazoo; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Gerald Dickinson.

The funeral service for Jule will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 12, 2011, at Wagley Funeral Home with Rev. Ron Sparks officiating. Private burial will take place at Lakeview Cemetery in South Haven, Michigan. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. You may also sign the register book or send condolences to [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jule Fosbender*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Essays like this are so important to broadening people's horizons.##imported-begin##Jennah##imported-end##*

November 14, 2011 at 11:53 PM



“ *I'd like to express my sincerest condolences. There are no words that I can say that can adequately comfort one in times such as these. However, God's word the bible gives us comfort and hope. In Revelation 21:4, Jehovah God promises to get rid of all death, suffering, mourning, and he will wipe all tears from our eyes. Jehovah promises to bring back our loved ones in the resurrection. Jesus said that "all those in the memorial tombs will hear his [Jesus'] voice and come out." (John 5:28, 29 NWT) May these scriptures comfort you at this hard time.##imported-begin##Veronica Ruiz##imported-end##*

October 18, 2011 at 09:26 AM



“ Jule,

*Having known you for only a short time, your life story reveals a compassionate, kind and fun loving character. I am thankful for the privilege of knowing you. May all of your experiences and contributions to this world, be a reminder to us all, that life is to short to sit still. We must make the most of life living each moment to the fullest. May you rest in peace.*

*“My flesh and my heart may fail,<sup>[SEP]</sup>but God is the strength of my heart,<sup>[SEP]</sup>and my portion for ever.” Ps. 73:26##imported-begin##Aaron M Scheich##imported-end##*

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October 12, 2011 at 06:12 PM



*Jule and Scott..I've thought of you so often through the years...so many precious memories are the Walms in my heart..Scott I'm so sorry for your loss..hugs and love to you and Patti*

*Jody Beukema ( Joyce)*

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**Jody Beukema** - October 16, 2020 at 09:51 AM



“ When I started at KPL, I didn't know anyone but Jule extended her hand to me and we became life-long friends. Jule was a loyal friend and she helped me professionally and personally through the years. Yes, Jule loved to have a good time, but she gave 100% to any responsibility.

*I was there at WMU for Jule and Michael's graduation. Yes, the Olds convertible was Jule's and she loved it.*

*Texas was a memorable convention trip. Jule was driving and she put the top down when we hit the Texas stateline and we sang "Deep in heart of Texas" on the way to Dallas. Yes, Michael I do remember the Texas soil that Jule planted in her yard. Thank you Michael for remembering that adventure. Jule was loved by all.*  
*Jeanne Lawler-Marsac##imported-begin##jeanne lawler-marsac##imported-end##*

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October 12, 2011 at 09:49 AM



“ I am very sorry to hear of Jule's death.  
*I have only been with the Woodlands Library Co-Op since 1993. Jule always had time to talk to me and share silly stories about our libraries.##imported-begin##Mary Miller Jonesville District Library##imported-end##*

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October 11, 2011 at 05:23 PM



“ Scott and Patti:

*We are so sorry for your loss. We keep thinking of how very proud Mrs. Fosbender must have been of you (and Patti). We love you lots and hope that your fond memories, combined with your respect for all the sacrifices she made for you, will bring you solace. You were her precious son. Sincerely, Uncle Ruben and Aunt Mary##imported-begin##Mary Rodriguez##imported-end##*

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October 11, 2011 at 05:18 PM



“ *Rest in peace my friend. We had many a memory over the years that involved a lot of laughter and great times. I always admired the fact you could be one tough lady when a situation called for it and balanced with having the tenacity to get what needed to be done. I can not be at the funeral since I am out of town, I am sure the Lord has received you with open arms!##imported-begin##Marie Sowa##imported-end##*

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October 11, 2011 at 10:17 AM



“ *Jule was president of Zonta during my early years in the club. She was smart, funny and warm. So glad to have known her!##imported-begin##Joy Smith##imported-end##*

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October 11, 2011 at 08:54 AM



“ *Jule was a dedicated librarian and a gift to the Michigan Library Association. She will be remembered fondly.##imported-begin##Nancy Bujold##imported-end##*

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October 10, 2011 at 05:45 PM



“ Oh dear...I have two photos of Jule and me at Commencement from Library School, WMU December of 1971. We both look rather hung-over. Also, there is a patch of Texas sod, somewhere out in Oshtemo [or wherever that was that she lived in the trailer park] We brought it back from ALA Dallas, 1971...was it her Olds convertible? or Lorna Chapman's. Ask Jean Lawlor.

*I'm sad...Michael##imported-begin##Michael McCaslin##imported-end##*

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October 10, 2011 at 12:51 PM



“ Jule was my mother's best friend, and I loved her like a family member. My condolences to Scott and Patti. She will surely be missed by all who knew her and loved her.##imported-begin##Jill Holden##imported-end##

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October 10, 2011 at 12:20 PM



“ My mother, Majel Holden, and Jule were close friends from Tecumseh when my mom was on the library board. They remained friends until my mother's death in 1997, and it was Jule's idea to dedicate one of the stained glass panels in the Adrian Public Library to her. I last saw her when I came home for my 45th class reunion. I had planned to visit her next month when I'll be in Adrian. I feel her loss deeply. My heartfelt condolences to Scott and his family.##imported-begin##Debby Holden Waddington##imported-end##

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October 10, 2011 at 11:52 AM



“ Jule was a wonderful friend and a great librarian who was an inspiration to me in her dedication to the profession and her enjoyment of her work. My condolences to Scott and Patti. She was so proud of you and I wish I could be there for the celebration of your mother's life.

Love,

Linda###imported-begin##Linda Sickles###imported-end##

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October 10, 2011 at 11:39 AM



“ She was a wonderful librarian. I'll miss seeing her at the MLA conference. It won't be the same this year without Jule running the exhibits.###imported-begin##Ruth Dukelow###imported-end##

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October 10, 2011 at 08:24 AM



“ ...a great librarian and wonderful friend. Such a zest for life and always a smile. My traveling buddy to many ALA Conferences - we had some real adventures. She will be missed.###imported-begin##Phyllis Jose###imported-end##

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October 09, 2011 at 10:50 PM