



Julia Cruikshank

March 9, 1912 - April 11, 2009

Julia Helen Cruikshank

ADRIAN - Julia Cruikshank passed away on April 11, 2009 at the Lenawee Medical Care Facility at the age of 97. Julia was born in Omaha, Nebraska on March 9th, 1912 to Emery & Mary Deli. She moved to Monroe, MI, graduated from Monroe High School, and married husband Ken Cruikshank in 1934, and moved to Adrian in 1939.

She was the Children's Librarian at the Adrian City Library for over 27 years until her retirement in 1976, and teller of many stories to a multitude of children. She was also a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church, Alpha Omega, and Business & Professional Women's Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth Cruikshank. Julia is survived by her sister Mary Vandermade of Grand Rapids, Michigan; daughter Mary Lou (Peter) Hickman of Adrian, son Jack (Leslie) Cruikshank of Clarkston, Michigan, grandson Christopher (Jennifer) Hickman of Brooklyn, New York, granddaughter Dr. Lisa Hickman (Justin) Sheehy of Chittenden, Vermont, great grandchildren Zachary and Sophie of Brooklyn.

The family wishes to thank Hospice of Lenawee, the staff of the Lenawee Medical Care Facility and Dr. Wayne Smith for their care. A memorial service is being planned for sometime in the future. Memorial contributions can be made to Adrian City Library or First United Methodist Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home. You may send condolences to

the family at www.wagleyfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Julia Cruikshank*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *DEAR FAMILY,
I DON'T KNOW HOW I MISSED YOUR MOTHER'S DEATH
NOTICE.SHE WAS A DEAR SWEET LADY AND I HAD THE
PLEASURE OF TALKING AND READING STORIES TO HER AT
THE FACILITY. SHE WAS ONE OF THE INSPIRATIONS IN MY
LIFE TO BECOME A LIBRARIAN EVEN THOUGH I WENT TO
AND WORKED ON THE COUNTY BOOKMOBILE. YOU ARE IN
MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. GOD BLESS YOU. BARB
SELL##imported-begin##BARB SELL##imported-end##*

March 26, 2010 at 09:25 PM



“ My dear Jack and Mary Lou and Family, What a wonderful woman, neighbor and librarian your mother was. As Grandma held the fort, your mom nurtured the reading interests of countless young. As Jack and I played as preschoolers and elementary kids, I never questioned where your mom was. But one day I ventured into the library and there she was. I had never been a reader before then. She somehow knew of my passion for horses and introduced me to the Black Stallion series. I became a reader! From that experience I have tried to find the true interests of my high school students and now my own grandchildren to help them discover the joys of going to places never imagined. When she talked to me, she focused on me with a warmth and intensity that fed a little part of my learning soul. She was so special. Please know I am thinking of you and rejoicing with you at her life well lived and now I am sure rewarded. She and your dad are up there looking down enjoying what they have "reaped and watered." My Love, Mary Alice Comar

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April 23, 2009 at 12:42 PM



“ Dear Family of Mrs. Cruikshank -

Mrs. Cruikshank was my beloved Children's Librarian at the old Adrian Public Library (the castle with the Children's Department on the lower level) all through the late 50's, 60's and early 70's.

She could always find me a great book to read whenever I just couldn't seem to find an interesting one to check out; she knew her collection well and would eagerly tell me about new titles.

Daddy would drive me to the library whenever I wanted to go, especially when I had to check out an encyclopedia volume overnight for a class assignment; on one of those drives we were talking about what I wanted to be when I grew up. He said to take a look around at the adults in my life who I respected and who I would want to be like, and Mrs. Cruikshank was my immediate choice.

I would often interview her for career assignments all through my elementary, middle school and high school years; she was very encouraging all along the way.

It is because of her that I grew up wanting to work with children and books and libraries; my fondest wish and aspiration has always been to be a "Mrs. Cruikshank" to my young patrons. I was lucky enough, as an adult person, to be able to tell her more than once what an influence she had been in my life and to thank her for her graciousness.

With sympathy,

"Mrs. Reasoner"

Mary Beth (Knight) Reasoner

Children's Services Librarian

Tecumseh District Library###imported-begin###Mary Beth Knight

Reasoner###imported-end###

April 21, 2009 at 08:45 AM



“ Our most sincere condolences.

*Mark & Chris##imported-begin##Mark and Christine
Hickman##imported-end##*

April 18, 2009 at 01:29 PM



“ I have great memories of the old library,checking out my first book from the childrens room on the lower floor, and the wonderful stories told by Mrs Cruikshank! God Bless you and keep you.##imported-begin##dave c##imported-end##

April 16, 2009 at 04:41 PM



“ Mrs. Cruikshank was the Childrens Librarian when I was a child (43+) years ago.. Because of her, other children and myself in the Adrian Area have become avid readers.
A wonderful caring lady as I recall.
May God bless and keep your and your family during time.##imported-begin##Lou Graham##imported-end##

April 16, 2009 at 10:55 AM



“ I spent many hours as a child, listening to Mrs. Cruikshank tell stories at the Adrian Library! My favorite day of the week was Saturday, because I knew it would be Story Time at the Library! She had the stories memorized - the way a story should be told!!! She made books come "alive" and certainly increased my love of reading!! I wil never forget her.##imported-begin##Mrs Carol (Knight) Bleich##imported-end##

April 15, 2009 at 11:16 PM

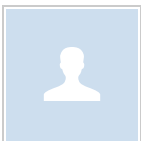


“ Jack:

Even now at retirement age, I remember your mother as the children's librarian when I was a small child. My best wishes to you as you celebrate her long life.

Dan Palmer##imported-begin##Dan Palmer##imported-end##

April 15, 2009 at 08:19 PM



“ *My memories of Julie are very fond as she was a GREAT Mother-in-Law to me for 16 years. I have many fond memories of Julie for the past 40 years...she was always very supportive and so fun to be with. I will truly miss her and all the spirit she had for everything she did.*

Julie, may you rest in peace.

Hugs & Love Always, Karen##imported-begin##Karen Spriggs##imported-end##

April 15, 2009 at 07:54 PM



“ *There will never be another like her. She is embedded in our childhood memories, our Saturday morning walks down to the Adrian Pub, to the basement, to check out books and sign up for the summer reading contests. She was also my mother's dear friend--the two of them were like little kids together. Now they are both gone. Hospice helped my Mom through and helped Julie too, I see. They are angels of mercy. You are all in my thoughts. Love, Betsy##imported-begin##Betsy Goolian##imported-end##*

April 15, 2009 at 12:52 PM



“ *Mrs. Hickman and Family,*

I was sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Cruikshank. She has a special place in many of my childhood memories! My thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Vicki Wood##imported-end##

April 15, 2009 at 08:38 AM



“ *Hello John and family.....Your mother made the library a magnet during my childhood and an escape during adolescence. She will be warmly remembered.##imported-begin##Pat Betz Walker##imported-end##*

April 14, 2009 at 06:46 PM



“ *Dear Mary Lou and family,*

I have such wonderful memories of your Mother reading stories to our boys at the "old" Library. She was so patient with the "wiggles" and "talkers". I never, ever heard her raise her voice when a child acted up.

I know this is a difficult time for you. Please know that your wonderful memories will get you through the days ahead.

She was a special lady and you can take comfort in that!!

Julie and Allan Brittain##imported-begin##Julie Brittain##imported-end##

April 14, 2009 at 05:14 PM