



Kathryn J. Wolcott

June 10, 1925 - August 3, 2019

Kathryn Jean Mumaw Wolcott

ADRIAN - Kathryn was born June 10, 1925 to Florence M. (Hunt) and Archie R. Mumaw of Adrian. She graduated from Adrian High School in 1943. During high school her love of music led her to perform as a soloist in choirs and live on local radio. Over her life she sang in a number of church choirs and as a soloist at weddings.

Following high school, she worked as a secretary until her first child was born. She married Bernard F. Wolcott on June 11, 1949 and together they raised three sons; Gary F. Wolcott of Chesterville, ME, Roy L. Wolcott of Battle Creek, MI, and Lynn A. Wolcott of Saline, MI. In 1960 when her youngest entered school she returned to work as a secretary in the Superintendent's office of the Adrian Public Schools. She worked there for more than 20 years until her husband's health required her to become his full-time caregiver until his death in 1987.

Kathryn was devoted to her family, neighbors and community. Before Christmas for many years she took a part-time job as a clerk selling toys to earn extra money to be able to afford Christmas presents for her sons and other family members. She was a long time Cub Scout Den Mother and went on to become a trainer of other Cub Scout leaders. With her husband she took two week long trainings at the Boy Scouts' National Leadership Training Center at Philmont in Cimarron, NM returning to Lenawee County to provide

workshops. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church singing in the choir, providing clerical help and helping with comfort meals and fundraisers.

Kathryn was a talented crafts person with a wide range of mediums from silver jewelry, macramé, poster art, cake decorating to exquisite baskets. Many of her art projects were made for special events as center pieces or gifts.

Kathryn and her husband were “rock hounds” and enjoyed traveling around the US collecting specimens for use in their art work. They were active in the local gem and mineral society. For more than a decade Kathryn was the editor and publisher of the society’s award-winning newsletter.

Kathryn was a dog lover and had many loyal dog companions during her life. She enjoyed all of nature and was interested and curious throughout her life. Just two months ago she asked her son to take her to Cabela’s in Dundee to see the fresh water aquarium there and the big fish.

She is survived by her sons and their spouses, Gary (Susan Crane), Roy (Andrea Johnson) and Lynn (Barbara); as well as five grandchildren, Joshua (Lila), Ben (Michelle), Stephanie (Andre) Duby, Allison (Alec) McCleskey, and Kristina (Jake) Johnson and five great grandchildren. Also surviving is her sister in law, Eloise Puterbaugh of Chesterland, OH.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband, sister Thelma Green and niece Joanne Smith.

The family deeply appreciates the care given by the staff of Charlotte Stephenson Manor.

Funeral services will take place at 12 p.m., Thursday, August 8, 2019 at Wagley Funeral Home with Rev. Susan Crane officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday from 10 a.m. until the service.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Lenawee Humane Society or Hospice of Lenawee. Online condolences and memories are welcome at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

East Siena Heights Drive
Adrian, MI 49221

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kathryn J. Wolcott*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *So very sorry I did not notice this earlier. Katie worked with my father, Bert Warren at Adrian Public Schools for years. She was always very kind to me and my daughter. I pray that God along with your wonderful memories will bring you continued comfort.*
Candace Aranda - The Salvation Army

candace aranda - September 03, 2019 at 11:20 AM



“ *I am so very sorry I didn't see the obituary in time to come and visit with the family at Kathryn's funeral. My parents were Bernard and Else Wheelock and I so remember going to your home by the High School when we were kids. Boy Scouts and Den Mothers are fond memories although Tom, who lives in Iowa now, was the member, but I got to tag along. Please know I wish I could have been there. I am still in Adrian.*

Marty Wheelock Schoonover - August 12, 2019 at 02:19 PM



“ *Lynn & Barb: We our so sorry for your loss. The two of you have been Kathryn's angels. You both have taken such wonderful care of her. Year after year you saw that her needs were meet. God Bless both of you. We know she is in peace and looking down on both of you with a heart full of love.*
John & Sue Chandler

susan chandler - August 07, 2019 at 07:41 PM

FK

“ From the Family of Thelma Knight purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kathryn J. Wolcott.



From the Family of Thelma Knight - August 07, 2019 at 01:30 PM

MR

“ To the family of Katy Wolcott,
I have fond memories of your Mom being friends with my Mom, Thelma Knight, through their church activities and their employment as secretaries in the Adrian Public Schools. When I discovered that Katy was residing at the Charlotte Stevenson Manor where Mom was also living, I would occasionally stop by her room to chat and she always greeted me warmly! My Mom passed away in June and I can imagine the two of them up in heaven reorganizing St. Peter's files!

We are grateful, as I know you are, for the compassionate loving care the nurses and nurses aides always gave to our mothers. Their devotion made a difference in the quality of our mothers' lives. On behalf of my siblings, Nancy and David, and my husband, George, I extend to you our sympathy on the passing of your dear Mother.

Mary Beth Knight Reasoner

Mary Beth Reasoner - August 07, 2019 at 01:15 PM

JL

“ We are so sorry for your loss.
-Janet & Jim Link

Janet Link - August 07, 2019 at 11:04 AM

CW

“ Roy and Andrea: our condolences on Kathryn's passing. Please know our thoughts are with you and your family during this time. I remember meeting Kathryn at your house at various celebrations, especially as the kids were growing up.
Larry and Cindy

Cynthia Wagner - August 06, 2019 at 08:50 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Kathryn J. Wolcott.



August 06, 2019 at 02:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathryn J. Wolcott.



August 06, 2019 at 01:32 PM

SF

“ My sympathy to Katie's family. I had the pleasure of knowing her through the First Baptist Church. She was a great lady.
Blessings,
Sue Fuss

Sue Fuss - August 05, 2019 at 01:03 PM

SA

“Katie was a neighbor for many years and was the kindest person! We loved seeing her drive by with one of her dogs hanging it's head out of the window! Katie asked our daughter to feed her backyard friends while she was gone. Tim delighted in clearing her driveway so she would be safe. We have missed Katie since she moved. We hold you all in our hearts. Katie made a big difference in our world!

Sue and Tim Allshouse - August 05, 2019 at 12:25 PM

MS

Small world. I had no idea she was still around.

Marty Wheelock Schoonover - August 12, 2019 at 02:19 PM