



Orta "Ioan" Stepp

August 7, 1920 - January 13, 2016

ADRIAN – Orta “Ioan” Stepp, age 95 of Adrian, passed away Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at the Hospice of Lenawee Home.

She was born August 7, 1920 in Plymouth, Indiana to Courtland and Verle (Cobler) Young. Ioan earned a Bachelor’s Degree from Hanover College and a Master’s Degree from Iowa State University.

On August 20, 1950, she married Kenneth L. Stepp at Adrian College. He preceded her in death in 2002.

Ioan had a wonderful career at Adrian College where she taught English and physical education, was instrumental in starting the women’s basketball program, and served as Director of Student Affairs, Director of Placement, and Registrar. She retired in 1985 with 43 years of service. Ioan was inducted into the Adrian College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986. When her husband, Kenneth, was inducted in 2001, they were the first couple in the Hall of Fame. She also received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in 1982.

Ioan was a member of the ADP Sorority, served as president of the Jaycees Auxiliary, and served on the board of the Crosswell Opera House. She was an avid reader and sports fan. Favorite pastimes include cartooning, traveling and camping.

Surviving are her children, Susan (Arlyn) Frauenkron of Houston, MN and Steven Stepp of Adrian; seven grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren; and a brother, Dale (Carol) Young of Bourbon, IN.

In addition to Kenneth, her husband of almost 52 years, she was preceded in

death by a son, Samuel Courtland Stepp, a daughter, Nancy Schoensee, and a sister, Olive Erdeen Dimberg.

Memorial services will be held 4 p.m. Thursday, January 21, 2016 at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian with Doctor Christopher Momany officiating. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. until the time of the service.

Contributions in memory of loan may be made to Adrian College for the Verle M. Young and loan Young Stepp Scholarship. You may view the full obituary online as well as send condolences and share memories at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI

Memorial Service

JAN 21. 4:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
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Tribute Wall



“ Orta "Ioan" Stepp

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ 28 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wagley Funeral Home - January 21, 2016 at 01:08 PM

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“ Dear Steve and Sue,

Joan was God Sent Angel on Adrian College's campus whether it was as a faculty member or serving in a variety of positions in Student Affairs. I know she touched many people's lives by simply caring about their existence in that new environment and nurturing them to take an active role in the community to make it better. She was heavily into Student Engagement and the development of Community. Her work with the Student Affairs Central Committee ensured that a number of important events got student involvement and student satisfaction up. She mentored student long after they graduated from Adrian College and was one of the reason why I entered the Student Affairs profession and eventually settled on a dissertation topic of mentoring in higher education. She was always loving, engaged and thought-proving when I stopped by after the Board of Trustees Meeting.

You'll be missing her for a long time as I will, but she had tremendous impact on the students who enrolled Adrian. Her legacy of caring regard, spiritual and personal development as well as intellectual development made her a special person because she always had the students best interest in mind. I will contribute to her scholarship to continue the gifts she shared with so many. I will add her to my daily prayer list and know she is going to meet up with some outstanding folks in heaven.

God Bless you and your family,

*Sarah E. Shumate, Ph.D.
Adrian College Board of Trustees
Secretary, Executive Committee*

Dr. Sarah E. Shumate - January 20, 2016 at 12:18 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Orta "loan" Stepp.*



January 18, 2016 at 07:49 PM



“ *Dear Steve and Sue. We loved your Mom and your entire family very much. I'm so glad we shared the reunions at Raystown together. Our visits to Grandma and Grandpa's in Indiana were always so much fun. I can never think of your Mom without that beautiful smile and an interesting conversation. What I'm thinking of right now is the song "When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!" We re thinking of you and sending hugs and comfort. Love, Darlene, Linda, Tom, and Verna*

Darlene Ray - January 17, 2016 at 06:11 PM



“ *loan was Registrar during most of my years at Adrian College. She was a friend who kindly reminded faculty members to turn in grades when they were due. Lois Hill, Bobbie Martin, and loan Stepp were wonderful people with whom to work. In addition to her family, generations of students, administrators, and faculty will surely miss her.*

Jim Watson, AC 1968-1996.

Jim Watson - January 17, 2016 at 12:21 PM

GH

“Ioan was a wonderful person with talents in so many areas. She was one of the first people I met when I came to the college in 1976, and she couldn't have been nicer to me. I knew her mostly as the registrar, and she was available, compassionate, and effective. I can honestly say that I never heard a single person---student, staff, faculty, say a bad thing about her. --- Gordon Hammerle

Gordon Hammerle - January 17, 2016 at 11:03 AM

RK

“In the 1963-64 school year, I was privileged as a senior at Adrian High School to be part of an advanced freshman English class taught by Mrs. Stepp at Adrian College. She fostered my appreciation for literature and writing in a profound way. It was the afternoon of November 22, 1963, when I witnessed the depth of her grace and understanding as she provided a calming and compassionate presence for our group of young idealists upon learning of the assassination of President Kennedy. God bless you Mrs. Stepp for all the ways you have touched so many lives over the years.

- Rev. John W. Kottke

Rev. John W. Kottke - January 15, 2016 at 08:37 AM

ME

Estabo, I'm so sorry I missed your e-mail about your mom. She was a great lady and I truly have some fond memories of when we were growing up on Elden Dr. We need to get together soon. Your brother forever, Mark

Mark Elden - January 24, 2016 at 01:48 PM