



Jane Laura Huhn

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Jane Huhn, age 91, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on July 19. Jane was born on May 10, 1933, in Grand Ledge, Michigan, to Leo and Rosella Huhn. She enjoyed growing up with her older brothers, Leon and Lyle, and helping with the family business, Huhn Chevrolet. Jane graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1951 and entered what was then known as Michigan State College of Agriculture and Applied Science. Her fondest memories of her time at Michigan State were attending football games and cheering on her beloved Spartans. Family and friends loved to hear stories of her time at Michigan State, including tales of playing with the children of President John A. Hannah on the lawn of Cowles House and being mistaken for a VIP while driving her father's green Cadillac to a home football game and being escorted right to the front gate of Macklin Stadium, now known as Spartan Stadium!

After graduating in 1955 with a degree in Education from MSU, she started her first teaching job at Greenwood Elementary School in Grand Ledge. Jane also taught at Sawdon School and then at Beagle Middle School. Jane spent 30 ½ years with the Grand Ledge Public Schools, teaching hundreds of students. Upon retiring in 1986, she moved to Largo, Florida, and began a second career as a bookkeeper for a medical office. She returned to Michigan

in 2006 and resided in Lansing.

Jane was a die-hard Spartan fan and bled Green and White. In 2023, on her 90th birthday, she was honored by the planting and dedication of a tulip tree in her honor on MSU's campus, in the shadow of the Breslin Student Events and Basketball Center.

She enjoyed spending time with her numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews. She also enjoyed making holiday cards with her dear friends Bruce and Karla Mance and sending them to friends and family throughout the year, bringing a smile to all who received these special and unique gems.

Jane was beloved and is survived by nieces and nephews Nancy McNeilly, Susan Kage (Thomas), Philip Huhn (Kimberly), Diane Huhn (Carolyn Miller), Luci Huhn (Margo Runkle), Martha Quain (John), Christopher Huhn, and numerous great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews. Jane was preceded in death by her parents Leo and Rosella, brothers Leon (Marguerite), Lyle (Bettie), nephews Stephen and Thomas, Grandnephew Joseph, and several beloved aunts, uncles and cousins. She will be dearly missed by a host of family and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, July 26, 2024, 11:00 am at St. Michael Catholic Church, Grand Ledge by Father James Eisele. Rite of Committal will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 4-7:00 pm at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge and Friday at the church from 10-11:00 am. Memorial contributions may be given to the Grand Ledge Education Foundation, P.O. Box 121, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837 (<https://www.glef.net/checkout/donate?donatePageId=650b90958b10622fa6784031>) and St. Michael Catholic, The Catholic Foundation, Diocesan Services Appeal, 345 Edwards Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837 (<https://>

www.dioceseoflansing.org/support). Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

299 Halbert Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837-1232
(517) 627-2149

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 25. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
406 N. Bridge Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837
(517) 627-2531
jasonbarclay@holihanatkin.com
<https://www.holihanatkin.com>

Visitation

JUL 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church
345 Edwards Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

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Tribute Wall

GM

“ Contributing information from Victor's neighbor, Dee Carr, who lived across Pine St., at the corner of Pearl St. which dead-ends in front of Victor Huhn's double lot home, landscaped with beautiful flowers which Victor loved.

Victor was the book keeper for Huhn Chevrolet. When Terry Hanks purchased the dealership in the early 1980's, Victor sold his home, moving to Florida, becoming a bookkeeper there. He eventually retired returning to G.L. & living at Independent Village. He frequently drove over to Pine St. & would sit outside, enjoying ALL of his flowers.

One fun fact, when Dee Carr moved to Pine St., in the fall of 1968, Victor had an additional □ square pad of cement poured adjacent to his driveway, with a shed & cage housing 2 peacocks 🦚 🦚 that crowed like 🐔 🐔 roosters every morning. One died & eventually the 2nd before the city ordinance changed related to some animals within the city limits.

Victor's children were already adults prior to 1968 & never lived in the home.

Prior to 1968, Victor, also, owned 2 lots, on Jenne St., that backed. ▲

up to the Pine St. property. It is assumed that he raised his family in that home. HE WAS the bookkeeper for Huhn Chevrolet during those years.

Shifting to Jane's teaching career, when she began teaching in 1955, at Greenwood Elementary, it had already been opened for atleast 5 years as Freida (Willis) & John Schneeberger both began Kdg. there in 1950. John would stay there through 6th G. since he lived in Delta Township. Freida would transfer to Neff, in the fall of 1955, & she & her, in town, classmates would become the 1st group to graduate 🎓 from Neff & transfer to Beagle Jr. High which was built in 1958. In the fall of 1959, Freida & John would begin H.S., at Sawdon, which was built in 1929. & graduate 🤔🎓 😊🎓 in 1963. Freida 1st became a teacher &

eventually a financial advisor with advanced credentials.
John eventually chose a real estate career. I'm sure that Jane influenced their math skills. Freida was 😊 Valedictorian of their class !

The Teachers at Wacousta Elementary must have known how to instill math skills in their students, Jane Huhn & Marilyn Hansbarger, as Marilyn became an avid advocate for math, in young children, by using hands on materials, to make it more easily understood, by their young minds & style of learning. She eventually led teacher workshops, gave lectures, & brain stormed with other math experts including the use of music 🎵 to increase children's level of understanding.

I've known Karla & Bruce Mance since the mid 1970's. I don't know if I received the "Creative Teams" 1st cards. But, over the years, I've collected a vast sum, which I used to store, by Holiday, & display them in my home every yr. Eventually, I had to reduce the # to my favorites as there are 4 former Delta Center Teachers & 2 Beagle Middle School Math Teachers, Jane & Bruce, who brainstorm & create FANTASTIC CARDS ! !
Some are even hand delivered so the postal 📬 machines don't ruin ALL of their hard work.

Last, I sent Jane a 90th Birthday greeting, & she was SO EXCITED to CELEBRATE her SPECIAL DAY !
" I NEVER thought I'd live to be this old" , she said. I'm so happy that I had the opportunity to HONOR JANE !

Gena McCoubrey - July 26, 2024 at 01:17 PM

JS

“ I am sorry to hear of Jane's passing. I have worked with her on several occasions and she was always a pleasure to work with. I enjoyed many of her stories. She will be missed. Judy Salisbury

Judy Salisbury - July 26, 2024 at 10:55 AM



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Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home - July 25, 2024 at 01:22 PM

MH

“ Jane and I went to school together from Kindergarten with Miss Hans all the way to 1951 when we graduated from Grand Ledge High School together. She was one of my very best friends all of those years. What fun we had! It was a joy to be around Jane. Her stories, sense of humor and laughter will always be remembered. What a special person! She will be missed by all who knew her. Marilyn Hansbarger

Marilyn Hansbarger - July 21, 2024 at 12:39 PM

CH

I didn't know Jane well but I enjoyed every contact I had with her. She was a "no nonsense" kind of gal! I appreciated that about her. I was very sad to hear of her passing. Jane was one of the first people I met at Grandhaven.

Charlene C.

Charlene - July 23, 2024 at 10:55 PM

DB

We met Jane through Bruce and Karla. We celebrated several Christmas and Easter dinners in Florida. Always enjoyed her stories of her many life experiences. She would check on our Florida condo for us during hurricane seasons. As her mobility became a challenge, she never completed. She always figured out a way to get around. She would meet us and used her walked to pick apples. In later years we picked and delivered to her. We will miss our phone calls and visits.

Donna Brendahl - July 25, 2024 at 12:35 PM

JM

During the school year 1966-1967, Jane Huhn was my 6th grade teacher at Greenwood Elementary School. At the time she co-taught the two 6th grade classes with Mrs. King. One of the memories of my time in her class was doing the daily math worksheets and, if all problems were correct, having my perfect score math worksheet displayed on the wall along with the others who had perfect math scores.

Janalynn Martens - December 05, 2024 at 04:44 PM