



Margaret Eleanor Cranson

February 18, 1922 - June 25, 2020

Margaret Eleanor Cranson longtime Grand Ledge resident passed away June 25, 2020 with her loving family by her side. Margaret was born February 18, 1922 in Bay City, Michigan to the late Archie L. and Myrtle I. (McCreery) Newman. She attended Bay Central High School and graduated early to pursue a Bachelor's Degree from Central Michigan University and then a Master's Degree in Education from Michigan State University. Margaret was a lifelong learner which was evident from her personal educational aspirations and that also translated into a cherished career as an Educator teaching third grade at Greenwood Elementary in Grand Ledge. She was also a faithful Sunday school teacher for many years and was active in the ABC Club at Grand Ledge First Congregational UCC. Margaret enjoyed tending to her beautiful flower gardens and enjoyed collecting unique rocks whether they were large or small. She was an animal lover and fostered many kittens for the humane society and was known to her grandchildren and great grandchildren as a second mom. Margaret believed in investing in young people and as a legacy wanted to encourage others to read books to children and donate to local libraries and schools.

She is survived by children, Cynthia (Thomas) Sanders, Michael Owen Cranson, Molly Gene Perry and Nancy Louise (Randy) Simons; grandchildren, Lisa, Jim, Jessica, Ned, Sara and Meghan; 3 great grandchildren and 1 great grandson; sister-in-law, Catherine Agnes Cranson and brother-in-law, Rodney (Sharon) Cranson. Margaret was preceded in

death by her loving husband, Norwood Eugene Cranson; siblings, Virginia, Frederick, Paul and Hubert Newman.

A private family graveside service will be held at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. Memorial contributions in Margaret's name may be given to the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48906. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

299 Halbert Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

HM

“ *Mrs. Cranson was my teacher at Greenwood Elementary, and she was a good one. My condolences to her family.*

Hope Nelson Mellis

Hope Mellis - September 11, 2020 at 02:03 PM

JM

“ *She was my third grade teacher at Greenwood Elementary School in 1963. I have fond memories of her as my teacher. When he was little we would take our son trick or treating, and I remember Mrs. Cranson handing out candy to our son and remembering me as one of her students. She was a wonderful teacher. My sincere condolences to her family.*

Janalynn Martens - August 01, 2020 at 01:41 PM

EI

“ *I new Marge & Gene, for 40 some years. We were neighbor and my son had her for a teacher. Great neighbors for sure. Prayers to family. Eileen Clabuesch.*

Eileen - July 16, 2020 at 08:17 PM

MM

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Meghan McKay - June 29, 2020 at 12:35 PM

SG

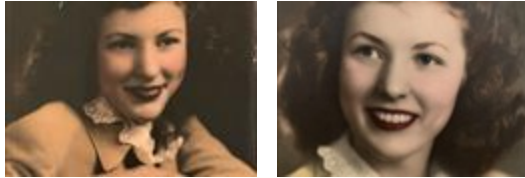
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sara gensch - June 29, 2020 at 12:28 PM

SG

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



sara gensch - June 28, 2020 at 09:59 PM

SF

“ *Marge was a wonderful person and kept her connection to Greenwood for many years. I was the principal there from 2001 until 2010 (when it closed) and Marge came and spoke at the final assembly about teaching in Grand Ledge in the early days. She had a generous spirit and volunteered her time teaching science many years after she retired. Her Great Grandson Toby was a student there and she was delighted he could attend. My thoughts are with her family. Susan Friend*

Susan Friend - June 28, 2020 at 09:36 PM

PN

“ So many good family memories. Thank you Aunt Margaret. We miss You Your with your Heavenly Family Now ! What a reunion that must be!!



Paul Newman - June 28, 2020 at 08:20 PM

LM

“ Mrs. Cranson was our daughter's 3rd grade teacher! Erin learned so much that year and because of Mrs. Cranson, Erin became a teacher! We also lived in Mrs. Cranson's neighborhood for awhile. She was a true teacher to many! Prayers for her family!

Linda Merrifield - June 28, 2020 at 09:21 AM

KC

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K Rodney Cranson - June 27, 2020 at 06:39 PM

KC

“ My memory of Marge goes back to the mid-1940s while Gene was in the service - Army Air Corp. She originally started teaching at Grand Ledge High School and I think my brother Stanley met her there - he was her student during his senior year. The family story has him introducing Marge to Gene and they were married when he returned from the service. During the war my father (Norwood) built them a little house on the lot next door to our house. However, when Gene returned home and they were married that house had been rented and the people would not move out. So with no place to live, they remodeled the chicken coop and lived there for awhile. Later, they put an addition on the little house, added a garage and that is how it is now.

When I started teaching in the 1960s I would often visit them and Marge and I would do “teacher” talk at their kitchen table. She loved science and many of the north side kids had the unusual opportunity to have Mrs. Cranson for their science classes. If I remember correctly, the grade she taught used a team approach with Marge teaching all the science classes. Although I don’t know how many years she taught (it was many), when Marge retired she continued to go to Greenwood School to teach some of the science classes.

A few years ago we were invited to Marge’s 95th Birthday party - all her kids were there. It was a nice event and fun to have that part of my family together again - that was the last time. Since then we have stopped to visit a few times and enjoyed reminiscing about some of the “good old days.” It was a sad day when we learned that Marge passed away. Marge will be missed!

Rod and Sharon Cranson
Holland, Michigan

K Rodney Cranson - June 27, 2020 at 06:38 PM

MH

“ I was so fortunate to have Mrs. Cranson as my third grade teacher. She was one of my favorites. I remember having her select me as Mary in our Christmas program. And reading my first book & book report about George Washington Carver that she had suggested. She made a definite impression on me which I am grateful. I am so sorry for your loss she was a magnificent person.

Martha (Hilliard) Hoffman - June 27, 2020 at 09:59 AM