



## Hayla F. Joneson

March 1, 1942 - November 5, 2024

Hayla Florence Joneson passed away at the age of 82 on November 5, 2024, surrounded by the love of her family. Born on March 1, 1942, in Detroit, Michigan, Hayla lived a full life filled with love, generosity, and joy.

She was a devoted mother to her children, Eric (Christina) Joneson, Beth (Douglas) Paulo, and Matthew (Julie) Joneson, a cherished grandmother to her grandchildren, Alex, Elliott, Lauren, and Sofia, a loving sister to Joseph Frazier, and Lee (Kathy) Brede, and a loving companion later in life to Phil Modrak.

Hayla is predeceased in death by her beloved husband, Frederick A. Joneson, as well as her parents, Joseph and Roberta Frazier (née Knapp).

Hayla knew from a young age that she wanted to be a teacher and highly valued education. An Eastern Michigan University (B.S.) and Saginaw Valley State University (M.A.) graduate, she devoted her early career to elementary education in Utica Schools, where she met her husband, Fred, during her first year of teaching at Dresden Elementary. They instantly shared a deep bond and were married less than a year later, on July 11, 1964. Together, they built a beautiful family, and a life filled with love, laughter, and devotion. Hayla paused her teaching career to start a family. She took on the role of a mother instantly, creating a warm and loving environment for her three children to

grow up in. Though Hayla was heartbroken by Fred's passing in 1997, her grandchildren and her love of teaching allowed her to continue to embrace life with her signature positivity and resilience. Her family finds solace in knowing they are reunited again.

Hayla's travels brought her joy and wonder - exploring Sweden, Belgium, Greece, Italy, Brazil, and countless other beautiful places. A lover of the outdoors, she truly enjoyed being by the beach, especially in Venice, Florida where she spent many winters during retirement with Phil. Her heart, however, was most at home during summers in Irons, Michigan, where she welcomed family and friends to enjoy nights around the firepit, grilling, and endless summer days by the creek. These gatherings created a tapestry of memories that her family will cherish forever.

Hayla's creativity was as boundless as her compassion; she poured love into the quilts she sewed, and the many items she knitted, each one a testament to her patience and artistry. Known for her gentle spirit, she was the embodiment of kindness, a grounding presence for everyone who knew her, and a friend to many. Her warmth, humor, and enduring positivity left a permanent mark on all whose lives she touched.

In her memory, may we carry forward her love for life, her kindness, and her gentle optimism. She will be profoundly missed and forever cherished.

Hayla's faith was a significant part of her life. Memorial gifts can be made in Hayla's honor supporting the Living Water Ministries Scholarship Fund (<http://www.elcalivingwater.com/scholarshipfund/>) 7898 W. Stony Lake Rd., New Era, MI 49446 or to the ministries at King of kings Lutheran Church 47500 Schoenherr Rd, Shelby Township, MI 48315

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, from 2-8pm at the

Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd (3 blocks east of Van Dyke) in Utica. A funeral service will be held the following day, Wednesday, November 13, 2024, instate at 10am until the time of the service at 11am, at King of kings Lutheran Church, 47500 Schoenherr Rd in Shelby Twp.

Please share a memory of Hayla at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **12**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Instate At Church

NOV **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

King of Kings  
Schoenerr Road  
Shelby Township, MI

## Funeral Service

NOV **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

King of Kings  
Schoenerr Road  
Shelby Township, MI

# Tribute Wall

CK

“ Claudia K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hayla F. Joneson.

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**Claudia K.** - November 20, 2024 at 01:17 PM

NB

“ We so enjoyed getting to know Hayla and Phil during our shared winters as snowbirds in Venice, Florida. Mission Lakes won't be the same without them. We will always remember Hayla for her smile and cheerful demeanor as well as her creativity. She even undertook a sewing project for me!  
Nancy and Jeff Bradley

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**Nancy and Jeff Bradley** - November 14, 2024 at 11:15 PM

SS

“ Sofia & Family, my heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your grandmother. What a beautiful life she lead and what a legacy she leaves behind. Peace and comfort to your hearts.  
Sandy Sims  
(From Pearl Nails)

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**Sandra Sims** - November 12, 2024 at 12:29 PM

DK

“ Despina Kartakis purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Hayla F. Joneson.



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**Despina Kartakis** - November 12, 2024 at 10:52 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Hayla F. Joneson.

November 11, 2024 at 09:21 PM



“ Anne planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hayla F. Joneson.

Anne - November 11, 2024 at 06:21 PM



“ The Curtis Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Hayla F. Joneson.



The Curtis Family - November 11, 2024 at 02:34 PM



“ The Curtis Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hayla F. Joneson.

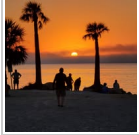
The Curtis Family - November 11, 2024 at 02:34 PM



“ Jeff and Kylie Legree purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Hayla F. Joneson.



Jeff and Kylie Legree - November 11, 2024 at 01:00 PM



“ *Our Heavenly Father has taken a great lady to be with him in eternal life of peace and happiness. She will be dearly miss by all of us waiting here for our time. Aunt Hayla, Eric and I will always remember you by your great smile and twinkling eyes when you were excited about something.*

*I remember lots of trips over to Sterling Heights with my mother in law to go shopping, while the guys where off hunting. Good times were had . Lots of laughing went on as well.*

*Here are a couple of pictures of one of the good times when these ladies had to have help to get ou of the hot tub because they where so relaxed!*

*Eric, Beth, and Matthew your mother will always be with you and will make you laugh at the strangest times.*

*Love you guys,*

*Chris and Eric Scanson*



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**Chris Scanson** - November 10, 2024 at 07:51 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Hayla F. Joneson.*



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November 10, 2024 at 04:45 PM



“ Thank you Hayla for all the fun you brought to my life in the last years. Visiting me at my lake house and enjoying boat rides and Shreddies  
For supper. And best of all going to see Ed Sheeran. Condolences to you family and friends. Love now and forever. Keith and Sue

Sue Mitchell - November 10, 2024 at 10:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Hayla F. Joneson.

November 10, 2024 at 10:32 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Hayla F. Joneson.



November 09, 2024 at 11:51 AM



“ Your Living Water Ministries Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hayla F. Joneson.

Your Living Water Ministries Family - November 08, 2024 at 09:59 AM

YF

“ *Your Living Water Ministries Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Hayla F. Joneson.*



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**Your Living Water Ministries Family** - November 08, 2024 at 09:59 AM

CK

“ *I met Hayla in bible study at Christ Lutheran Church. Hayla was very kind and a joy to be around. I was able to visit her for the past 5 years when she spent the winter months in Florida. I will miss her a lot. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.*  
*Carrie Killoren*

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**Carrie Killoren** - November 07, 2024 at 07:46 PM

BK

“ *Mrs Joneson was someone I was always happy to see. We went to the same church when I was little, Christ Lutheran Church. I was so excited to see her in Sundays, and then I would see her once a week in elementary school at the library when she was a teacher. I would brag to my classmates that I was friends with her lol. I hope you're having a wonderful time up there, we love and miss you so much. Till we meet again Mrs Joneson* ❤️❤️  
*- Brooklynne*

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**Brooklynne Kangas** - November 07, 2024 at 04:15 PM

CM

“ I have lost a longtime dear friend and my heart is hurting! Bob and I met Fred and Hayla at Christ Lutheran Church in 1970 when we moved to Michigan and a thousand memories come to mind! Fred and Hayla traveled to Europe with my groups and Phil and Hayla joined us at Mission Lakes in Venice Florida for several winters. Our children grew up together at church and school and camp and remain friends. Beth, Eric and Matt, your mom was the best and will be missed by all.

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**Carol Mociulewski** - November 07, 2024 at 03:30 PM