



## Ilona Harwood

October 22, 1940 - May 31, 2017

Harwood, Ilona Kathryn (nee Siren), age 76, of West Branch, MI passed away on May 31, 2017. Ilona was born in Marquette, MI on October 22, 1940 to Thomas and Elma (Hurtley) Siren. She attended Northern Michigan University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Education. While attending Northern she met the love of her life, Kenneth Harwood. Ken and Ilona were married on December 16, 1961 and have celebrated 56 years of marriage. The couple moved to New Haven, MI after graduation where Ilona taught 2nd grade for New Haven Community Schools until she retired in 1990. Ilona enjoyed retirement where she kept busy between their homes in West Branch, MI and Lakeland, FL. Ilona was an avid golfer, recording seven hole-in-ones and several club championships. Her other passions included reading, dancing with Ken, hosting wonderful dinner parties with friends and attending her grandchildren's events.

Ilona is survived by her husband Ken; daughters, Stacy (Lee) Visbara of Shelby Twp, Jodi (Ken) Wencel of Newport and son, Scott (Kim) Harwood of Lake Orion Twp.; grandchildren Michael, Mitchell, Cathy, Mackenzie, Nicholas, Brady and Lauren and one great-grandchild, Isabella. Ilona was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Aileen MacPherson and Thelma Billings.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at Steuernol and McLaren Funeral Home (<https://www.steuernolmclaren>).

com) , 109 E. Houghton Ave., West Branch, MI at 1:00 PM with family receiving friends from 12:00 PM until time of service. Pastor Dan Stoneback will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Miracle League of Plymouth (<https://www.miracleleagueplymouth.org>) [www.miracleleagueplymouth.org](http://www.miracleleagueplymouth.org)

Please share a memory on the Tribute Wall tab here or at the Steuernol and McLaren Funeral Home website (<https://www.steuernolmclaren.com>).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

JUN 10. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

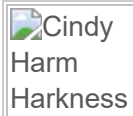
Steuernol & McLaren Funeral Home  
109 E Houghton Ave  
West Branch, MI 48661

## Celebration of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to hear of Ilona's passing. Many memories of when we were neighbors and were "basketball nuts". Thought of her when going to the tournaments this year. Will keep you all in my prayers.  
*Gail Harm*

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**Cindy Harm Harkness** - June 07, 2017 at 06:55 PM

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“ My sympathy to the family. Death claims the lives of those we love. May you find comfort in Jesus words, "I am the resurrection and the life."-John 11:25

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**Neighbor** - June 06, 2017 at 07:05 AM

KD

“ Ilona and I worked together at Siefert Elementary in New Haven. Ilona was a wonderful second grade teacher and mentor to me. I have many fond memories of Ilona; my sincere condolences to all of you.

*Karen Dunmire (Kalinowski)*

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**Karen Dunmire** - June 06, 2017 at 04:48 AM

RB

“ Dear Ken and Family,  
We at North Lakeland Presbyterian Church were saddened to hear of Ilona's passing. Many of us expressed disbelief after hearing the news. We prayed for you in church yesterday. Please accept our sympathies for your loss. She is in the presence of the Lord which we know by faith and look forward in hope, yet the loss is real. Be assured of our prayerful support and that we are with you in Spirit this Saturday for her memorial service. May the One who said "Blessed are they who mourn, be comforted" be very present to you today and the days ahead.

Rev. Dr. Bryan Burton  
Senior Pastor of the North Lakeland Presbyterian Church

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rev dr bryan burton - June 05, 2017 at 02:17 PM

AB

“ Ilona always came to listen when T>D> and m;ysself played Organ and Piano and this was a very favorite of hers I am just going to share the words with you,. I asked the Lord to comfort me when things weren't going my way. He said to me "I will comfort you, and lift your cares away. I asked the Lord to walk with me, when darkness was all that I knew. He said to me, :Never be afraid, for I will see you through.: I didn't ask for riches, He gave me wealth untold. The moon,the stars, the sun, the sky, and gave me eyes to behold. I thank the Lord for everything, and I count my blessings each day. He came to me when I needed Him I only had to pray and he will come to you if you ask him to He"s only a prayer away. Sending my sincere sympathy to Ken and your family. Many prayers for all.

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alyce bareman - June 05, 2017 at 01:26 PM

BM

“ Dear Ken and family, I am very sorry to hear of Ilona's passing. I have many good memories of time spent with you both. Please know that my thoughts are with you and I am praying for your family during this difficult time. Betty Moll and family

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**Betty Moll** - June 05, 2017 at 09:42 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ilona Harwood.



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June 03, 2017 at 11:08 AM



“ Ken and family, we are so saddened to hear of Ilona's passing. Our hearts go out to all who have had the pleasure of knowing her! Love, Adam and Sara Poplawski

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**Sara Poplawski** - June 03, 2017 at 10:11 AM

NR

“ Stacy, So So sorry to hear about your Mom, I feel your sorrow and will say a pray for you and your family. Love Nancy R. Rodriguez

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**Nancy R. Rodriguez** - June 02, 2017 at 12:44 PM

GS

“ Ilona was a good friend and a wonderful person. She will truly be missed by many. Prayers are with Ken and his family.

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**Gary and Paula Sears** - June 02, 2017 at 12:35 PM