



Joyce A. Sawson

August 13, 1933 - May 9, 2009

Joyce A. Sawson, age 75, of Canadian Lakes, formerly of the Royal Oak area, passed away Saturday, May 9, 2009 following an accident at home. She was born August 13, 1933 in Troy Township to Edward and Jewel Edge Reynolds. Joyce graduated from Royal Oak High School. She made her home in the area and worked as a financial officer for several years. Joyce will be remembered as having a love of theatre, acting, song and dance. She was an energetic member of the Stagecrafters Company in Royal Oak. Joyce moved to Canadian Lakes nearly 20 years ago, where she was an active and beloved member of the community. She was one of the founding members of the Canadian Lakes Players; she was a member and past president of the Canadian Lakes Quilt Club; and a member of Stage M. Theatre in Big Rapids. Joyce had worked countless hours for the Mecosta County Habitat for Humanity and made many friends through the Red Hat Society. She attended St. Michaels Catholic Church in Remus. Joyce is survived by her son, Michael Lee Sawson of Fox Lake, IL; 4 grandchildren, Jason Sabrina Sawson of Lapeer, John Carolyn Sawson of Royal Oak, Vanessa Sawson and Christopher Sawson both of Ferndale; 2 great grandsons, Logan and Austin Sawson; several nieces and nephews and many lifelong and dear friends, especially Al Aikin of Canadian Lakes. Besides her parents, Joyce was preceded in death by her husband, Nicholas J. Sawson on September 27, 1993 and a son Mark and his wife Renee' Sawson. Visitation will be Thursday 2-8 p.m. and the service Friday 1 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home,

705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak, with Deacon Jack Parent officiating. Burial will take place at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley. Memorials to God's Helping Hands of Mecosta County, 8760 50th Avenue, Remus, MI 49340. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ To my cousin, Mike: I am so sorry for your loss. I am sorry I wasn't there. Now I will add Aunt Joyce to my list of people to pray for along with Uncle Nick. She is missed and I hope time will help you with that. It may never go away, but it will get easier. Remember all those good, fun and funny times. Love you, Cheryl

Cheryl Bruni - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ I am Renee Sawson's sister in law. When Vanessa was a baby Renee went back to work and I watched Vanessa for her. Renee and Joyce drove to work together, so every morning and evening I had the pleasure of Joyce in my home. We never had a close friendship, but over the years I saw Joyce many times at family functions. Joyce was one of the kindest, most caring and absolutely lovely women I have ever met. She will truly be missed! She was one of those people in life who leave such a meaningful mark on all she came in contact with. My deepest sympathy is with her family and friends. Linda Kerr

Linda Kerr - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ My blessings go out to Joyce's family and friends. I know she was loved very much by my mother Sharon Boyd Kugel. I remember her well from my younger years at Stagecrafters, and all the parties she attended at our home.....God Bless You!

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Debra Lynn Boyd - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dearest Joyce, "Well, it's been a long day" as we once sang together. We will miss you and very fondly remember all the fun we had doing shows together and the memorable characters you played. You and Nick held a special place in our hearts and we'll never forget you. It is amazing how time passes so quickly, but we remember the fun as though it was yesterday. To the family, we know your loss is difficult, but we know that Joyce is now reunited with Nick and Mark and Renee - and somewhere up there, they are putting on quite a show in heaven! Love and prayers for you all.
Denni and Jim Oravec

Denni and Jim Oravec - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PZ

“ Joyce. You were the light of the Stagecrafters Theatre Group and the light of many of our lives for many years. It was a treat to have known you and to have spent countless hours listening to your contagious laughter and admiring your one- eyebrow-raised take on life. You twinkled on and off stage with a joie de vivre and a sense of humor reflected your wisdom. I will never forget you, Joycie. Rest in peace. Pat Z

Pat Zumhagen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My deepest condolences to Joyce's family and friends. As a member of Stagecrafters, she was one of those woven into the fabric of my childhood. Joyce's strength in the face of unthinkable loss was incredibly inspirational. My mother, Colleen Cummings, counted Joyce one of her dear, longtime friends. They toured Europe together in 1996. She was also one of the Michigan friends who attended my 2001 wedding in Phoenix, which helped make the day so very special. I pray that Joyce finds peace in her journey and that those she leaves behind find comfort and healing in her memory.

Jody Cummings - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM