



## Joanne Waldo Stewart

February 4, 1924 - September 14, 2014

Joanne Waldo Stewart was a longtime resident of the Les Cheneaux Islands and Cedarville, Michigan. Joanne often said that she'd lived many lives in her lifetime. She died in her home on Sunday, September 14, 2014, at the age of 90. She was blessed to have lived a full and interesting life.

Joanne was born on February 4, 1924 in Detroit, Michigan to Charles Gilbert Waldo Jr. and Dorothy (Derby) Waldo. Her ancestors included the families, Ballard, Colburn, Derby, Standish, Waldo, Wood, and Zoller. Her mother and father met in the Les Cheneaux Islands and Joanne came to Les Cheneaux for the first time in a baby basket, 90 years ago. She spent many happy summers in the Snows and she became a permanent resident in 1983.

Joanne was actively involved in many social and civic organizations, volunteered at Detroit Orthopedic Clinic, and conducted tours of historic downtown Detroit Churches. During World War II, she was a member of the WAVES. She was a pilot, a traveler, a philanthropist, and a creative and complex person. She devoted many years of her life to the care of her son Gil.

Until her health began to decline, Joanne was an active and involved member of the community. She was known for her generosity and her infamous casseroles – often being asked to bring paper products to the church events instead of something home cooked. She had many other talents and her

creativity and beautifully wrapped boxes put smiles on many people's faces.

Joanne is survived by one daughter, Dorothy Derby Stewart-Amsden of Scotland; two sons, H. Whitney (Carman Nemecek) Stewart of Capac, Michigan, and John A.B. (Louise) Stewart of North Glenn, Colorado; and two granddaughters, Reyna Roll and Marquette Stewart. She was also given loving care by Cathy Hamel, Dusty Athey, Anna Fisher, the EUP Hospice, and Dr. Slater and his considerate staff.

Joanne was preceded in death by a son, Gilbert Waldo Stewart.

Services will be Thursday, September 25, 2014 at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford, Michigan. Visitation will be held from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. with the funeral service to follow at 1:00 P.M.

Burial will be in Cedar Cemetery in Cedarville.

Memorials may be made to the Les Cheneaux Community Library, National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression (NARSAD), or your local Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.rgalerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rgalerfuneralhome.com) or PO Box 541, Cedarville, MI 49719.

# Cemetery Details

## Edgewood Cedar Cemetery

4 Mile Block Road  
Cedarville, MI 49719

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **25**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford  
24549 S. M-129  
Pickford, MI 49774  
(906) 647-3400  
flfh@familylifefh.com  
<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

SEP **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Joanne Waldo Stewart*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Joanne Waldo Stewart*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Joanne Waldo Stewart*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *When I was interim pastor of First Union Church in Cedarville from 1998 to 1999, Jo would often invite me for lunch. She was a gracious lady. She and I would often visit newcomers to our church. The highlight of our time together was when we visited the Holy Land with Paul and Elaine Foster and Rose and Bill (?) Bellingham in the spring of 1999. We left on March 1. We walked along the street from the King David Hotel, near the Kidron Valley and saw a double rainbow on the Sea of Galilee. We ate at the Temptation Cafe in Jericho and looked out to "the wilderness" where John the Baptist was and where there is now a Greek Orthodox monastery in the side of the cliff. All six of us went on the extension to Egypt. I'll never forget her on a camel named "Michael Jackson." I have a picture of her on the camel somewhere. She was a warm caring lady. I just heard about her death today (October 9). Thank the Lord for the Internet: I found out the details in her obituary.*

*Dr. Leslie Robert Keylock*

Dr Leslie Robert Keylock - October 09, 2014 at 05:18 PM

GP

“ Gordon and Marta Pebbles purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joanne Waldo Stewart.



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**Gordon and Marta Pebbles** - September 24, 2014 at 07:11 AM

MB

“ Whitney,

*Although I never met your mother, if she was half the person you are, then I can only imagine what I missed out on!*

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**Matt Bollaert** - September 21, 2014 at 11:57 AM



“ For almost 2yrs i took care of this wonderful womans everyday needs. I found my time with her as the biggest reward ive ever recieved. While taking care of her i found the love of caring for people. Her being the motivation behind my career choice and the reason i want to become an RN. I miss hearig her call me "deary" saying "your my angel" knowing she didnt remember my name it made me feel that the care i was giving her was making a diffrence in her days. She always shared her appreciation for me, little did she know how much i appreciated the simplest moments i got to spend with her everyday. <3May you rest in peace (grandma snowwhite).

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**Aaron Fairchild** - September 19, 2014 at 09:55 PM



*Im not sure why this came up under my boyfriends profile. But i also want to thank her family for letting me care for there mother. She was such a beautiful soul. ❤️ Angel Ballard*

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**Aaron Fairchild** - September 19, 2014 at 09:57 PM

DM

“ *My condolences Whitney and family. May peace be with you during this difficult time. Mothers are special people who may leave us physically but never ever in memories or thought.*

**Dale C. Mills** - September 19, 2014 at 09:47 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Joanne Waldo Stewart.*



September 19, 2014 at 08:18 PM

DO

“ *My condolence to the family  
Love and regards to all the family  
Dr persaud*



**docsasy** - September 19, 2014 at 07:24 PM

MJ

“ *Martha and Josh purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Joanne Waldo Stewart.*



**Martha and Josh** - September 19, 2014 at 07:28 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joanne Waldo Stewart.*



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September 17, 2014 at 12:23 PM



“ *I will always remember "Aunt Jo's" love of all things colorful - fabrics and walls in particular - which I first experienced at the cottage on Marquette Island when I was a teenager.*

*After her long illness, may she finally rest in peace.*

*Diane Stewart Marzec*

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**Diane Stewart Marzec** - September 16, 2014 at 05:58 PM



“ *As we often visited Granny Boots next door to Joanne, I remember well her cheery hellos in the mornings when she came to visit. I don't think I ever remember her without a smile!*

*Anne Sheffield Vanoy*

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**Anne Vanoy** - September 16, 2014 at 01:16 PM

PW

“ On behalf of my wife Marilyn and our children Margaret and Phillips, I would like to convey our condolences. My own childhood memories of visiting her and "Uncle Jack" at their Country Club Lane house, with scenes of the CCD Golf Course painted murals on the walls are indelibly imprinted on my mind. She was a kind and gracious lady, who bore more than her share of hardships. We will miss her.  
*Dick & Molly's son, Phil Williams*

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**Phil Williams** - September 16, 2014 at 11:05 AM

BR

*Our prayers are with you. Joanne was a very special lady who always showed us great hospitality. We are neighbors through the woods on Mackinaw Bay. Bill & Gloria Rudd (Grandson of Edward C. Rudd, former caretaker at the Les Cheneaux Club).*

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**Bill Rudd** - September 17, 2014 at 02:43 PM