



Josephine Ruth Tischer

August 17, 1918 - July 13, 2017

Josephine Ruth Tischer, of Drummond Island, Michigan, died on July 13, 2017, just short of her 99th birthday. She was born August 17, 1918, in Bath, Michigan, to John Arthur and Ruth Leighton (McConnell) McGonigal.

Jo grew up in Bath, where at the age of eight, was one of the survivors when 38 school children and 7 adults perished in a series of intentionally set explosions at the school. Jo was not in school that day but was there to witness the aftermath as she went with her mother to find her older brothers. Her brothers survived but Jo's elementary classmates did not and Jo never forgot that day. After graduating from high school, Jo attended comptometer (an early mechanical calculator) school, and then went to work for Fisher Body in their office. It was while she was at Fisher that she met her future husband, Hollis Tischer. They were married in August of 1941 and moved to Drummond Island in 1944 after Holly's doctor advised him to get out in the air rather than work in the automotive plant. Jo worked in the office for the dolomite quarry which was located in DeTour at the time, and then as a bookkeeper at Sune's on Drummond before working at Drummond Island Yacht Haven for 40 years.

In addition to working and raising three sons, Jo was also very active in the community. She joined St. Florence Catholic Church and quickly became involved in bazaars, hunter's dinners, Guild, and served on the Parish Council. She joined the Homemakers, where she held every office except

President. Jo served as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and was on the school board for a long time.

Jo also knew how to have fun. She golfed in both the Drummond and The Rock leagues, where she was known for her fantastic chip shots and dead-eye putts. She was also a member of the women's bowling league. She enjoyed snowmobiling and went on several rides for charity. Jo was also a great cook and a wonderful and prolific quilter. She made and donated quilts to the Drummond Island Medical Center fundraiser for many years, as well as many other worthy causes.

Jo is survived by her sons, Blaine (Karen) Tischer and Tim Tischer, both of Drummond Island; grandchildren, Blaine Joseph (Gail) Tischer and Amy (Bill) Moser; and great grandchildren, Jonathan, Dakota, Holly, Kendall, and Drew.

Jo was preceded in death by her husband, Hollis Tischer; son, Patrick Alton Tischer; and brothers, Ray and Chester McGonigal.

Services will be held Tuesday, July 18, at St. Florence Catholic Church on Drummond Island. Visitation will be from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 P.M. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1:00 P.M.

Burial will be in Drummond Island Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Parent Volunteer Group, c/o Drummond Island Elementary, 33800 S. Townline Rd., Drummond Island, MI 49726 or Drummond Island Ladies Golf League, c/o Drummond Island Golf Club, 29901 E. Fairchild Lane, Drummond Island, MI 49726.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St Florence Catholic Church
34138 S Townline Road
Drummond Island, MI

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Josephine Ruth Tischer*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Josephine Ruth Tischer*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Josephine Ruth Tischer*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Hazel so enjoyed her friendship with your loving Mother Josephine, it spanned over six decades. We have been blessed to have our Mother's love and presence in our lives for so many years. It has been quite a journey and they both have overcome obstacles but faced it with courage and perseverance. Josephine took my Mother under her wing and introduced her to my Father and the loving McGonigal family. Your Mother was a grand ole gal with a beautiful spirit! She will be missed but not forgotten. May warm memories surround you.*

Lewetta

lewetta - July 17, 2017 at 09:08 AM

HS

“ Hazel Harte, Lewetta and Sharon purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Josephine Ruth Tischer.



Hazel Harte, Lewetta and Sharon - July 16, 2017 at 03:59 PM

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Amy Moser - July 15, 2017 at 09:15 PM

ML

Very special lady. Will never forget her. Love you Josephine!! MariJo McConnell your cousin...❤️

MariJo Lathrop - July 16, 2017 at 08:08 AM

ML

My father Mel McConnell was her Uncle. When I was little I lived on the island and we were close. Tim Tisher and I used to catch the school bus together. So sorry for your loss.

MariJo Lathrop - July 16, 2017 at 08:11 AM

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Nancy & Doug Hendrick - July 15, 2017 at 08:55 PM

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So happy that Doug & I had the opportunity to visit (Great) Aunt Josephine with Aunt Janet back in April. Blaine, Karen and Tim you are in our prayers during this time.

Nancy - July 15, 2017 at 09:02 PM

LM

“ *Blaine, Karen and Tim, so sorry for your loss. As my dad Kenneth said at 88, "I had a good run of it" and your mom did too, always will remember that mischievous twinkle in her eye. Lynn Marla Tischer*

Lynn marla - July 15, 2017 at 07:46 PM