



Lesley "Joanne" Bagbey

July 2, 1943 - August 11, 2016

Lesley Joanne Bagbey, age 73, a third generation Mackinac Islander, died Thursday, August 11, 2016, in Petoskey, Michigan. She was born July 2, 1943, on Mackinac Island, Michigan, to Otto "Bud" Lester Emmons and Bette Jean (O'Brien) Emmons.

Joann grew up spending her summers on Mackinac Island and her winters in Ft Lauderdale, Florida. Her family owned and operated an original carriage tour on Mackinac Island and later her whole family worked for Mackinac Island Carriage Tours with Joann dispatching taxis for many years. She graduated from Ft. Lauderdale Central Catholic High School in 1961. Joann met and married Richard Bagbey on Mackinac Island. They made their year round home in the Mission area of the island and raised their two daughters there.

Joann developed a deep sense of serving her community from her father and grandfather, both of whom had served as mayor of Mackinac Island. Joann served as Mackinac Island city clerk and as a matron for the Mackinac County Sheriff's Department and was part of the security detail when President Ford visited Mackinac Island. She also worked for the Michigan Employment Security Commission and later retired from the Mackinac Bridge Authority. Joann was an officer of the State Employees Union and was a strong advocate for MDOT highway workers and the "give em a brake campaign". She was also a critical member of the group responsible for the high way

workers memorial placed at the rest area in Clare Michigan.

Joann was a member of the Mackinac Island Lions Club, the Mackinac Island Snowmobile Club, and the Mackinac Island Ambulance Corp.

Joann had grown up with horses and loved to ride. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed people and entertaining. Joann had a quick wit, a huge sense of humor, and was usually the life of the party. It would not be uncommon to find her dressed for special occasions like the Mackinac Island Lilac Parade or as Santa Claus while taking tolls at the Mackinac Bridge. Above all else, she loved to spend time with, and took every opportunity to spoil her grandchildren, where she was affectionately given the nickname, "Nama Goose " for all of the mother goose books she read to them...the nickname stuck and was later shortened to "Goose" a name that many friends and family will remember her by.

Joann is survived by two daughters, Shelley (Jeff) Izzard of Cadillac, Michigan, and Tammey (David Tassier) Schlehuber of Cedarville; and grandchildren, Amelia (Rick Luis) Gustafson, Zakk Izzard, Joe (Fern) Schlehuber, Sam Schlehuber, and Mitchell Schlehuber. She is also survived by one brother, Michael Emmons of St. Petersburg, Florida.

A gathering of friends and family will be held at the Gate House Gazebo on Mackinac Island on, Monday August 29, 2016 from 5pm to 7pm.

R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lesley "Joanne" Bagbey*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Lesley "Joanne" Bagbey*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Lesley "Joanne" Bagbey*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *My family (Lenore and Thomas Stenback) met Joanne in 1974 on Mackinac Island. She was full of life, wisdom and humor. I loved spending time with her. Wherever she was there was laughter. I never think of the island without thinking of Joanne. She always gave of herself and we will always remember how welcome she made us feel. My condolences to her family.*

Kelly Kivisels-Lonstein - September 16, 2017 at 08:43 PM



“ *I met Joanna while living in St. Ignace. We become good friends. I missed her after I moved but we talked and laughed quite often. After leaving messages and not hearing from her I began to think she was in a better place. Hugs and prayers.*

Brenda Beyer - September 22, 2016 at 04:00 AM

DO

“ *Debbie O'Brien (daughter Les O'Brien) Joanne was my cousin, and my earliest memory was feeding the horses behind Mama Grace and Bompas house and getting in trouble for being in the loft! Wish we could have been closer. So sorry for her families loss.*

Debbie Holly O'Brien - September 16, 2016 at 08:51 PM

RB

“ *I still see a teenager riding with me and a good friend. I will never forget her smile and laugh. Ruth Clark Brown*

ruth brown - August 28, 2016 at 09:50 PM

LY

“ *Thinking of the whole family at this time.. She was always so nice every time I would see her*💕💕

lynn yoder - August 18, 2016 at 06:57 PM

TS

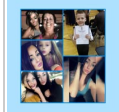
“ *To My Mom, it's been a week already, my heart hurts so bad. Tears keep flowing. I'm lost without you. But I know your pain free, able to walk and dance. Ma, I did my best to take care of you. And here's one more "You welcome" ... Just know you're family has come together, and we are strong thanks to you. Love you always
Tammey*

Tammey Schlehuder - August 18, 2016 at 09:09 AM



I'm so sorry to hear this, she always made me laugh and always knew how to lift my spirits when I needed it, she was a great person, your family is in my thoughts and prayers

Kelly Landowski - August 28, 2016 at 09:01 PM



I met your mother thru my mom millie quance and when my mom passed away from cancer your mom is the one who helped me by making me laugh I know she has everyone laughing up there may God bless you with love and comfort and peace during this time of sorrow

Diana Marchione - August 28, 2016 at 09:22 PM



It sadens me to her of her passing, will always have fond memories of our times spent through the years. Jojo / bags, your dearly missed. Chrissy

Christine Reo - September 04, 2016 at 07:56 AM

MB

“ *Mandy Bowlby lit a candle in memory of Lesley "Joanne" Bagbey*



Mandy Bowlby - August 17, 2016 at 09:41 PM

KF

“ *Prayers for strength during this difficult time. Love Keith & Wendy Frosland*



Keith Frosland - August 15, 2016 at 09:35 PM

DE

Thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time! I loved this lady and her tell it like it is "spunk!" She sure will be missed!

denise - August 15, 2016 at 09:50 PM

MK

I am so sorry for your loss--and ours too. I enjoyed getting to know her--and Charlee!--these last couple of years. Seeing all the things she did in her life, I can see why she was tough and always believed she could come home again--and usually did. I miss her. I can see she had a lot more stories in her that I didn't get to hear. She did tell me about riding the horse as part of Pres. Ford's honor guard. Wish the picture had turned up--I'd like to have seen that one! Know that Charlee has a home (my mom calls her Queenie cuz she definitely runs the show and can put the boys on the run!). Joann loved her so much and called me several times to talk about her and check up on her. I still half expect to see Charlee when I go up there, but see her here instead.

Mary S. Kee - August 18, 2016 at 08:12 PM

TS

I can't thank you enough Mary Sue

Tammy Schlehuber - August 23, 2016 at 11:20 AM