



Yvonne Joyce Hatch

September 13, 1935 - February 20, 2016

Yvonne "Joyce" Hatch, age 80, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away Saturday evening, February 20, 2016 at her home. Joyce was born on September 13, 1935 in Shingleton, Michigan to John and Celeste "Lesty" (King) Burgess. On September 12, 1953, she married Albert Lewis Hatch in Ozark, Michigan. Joyce graduated from Sault High School and later earned an Associate's Degree from LSSU. She worked for 27 years as a Deputy Sheriff with the Chippewa County Sheriff's Department, retiring as a Sergeant. During her career she mentored many women and paved the way for future female officers. She was a life member of the Women Police of Michigan, Inc. Joyce enjoyed listening to her husband, Al sing and pick his guitar. She was pleased that her sons and two grandsons shared the same talent. Her summers were spent gardening, camping and making pies with apples from her trees. She spent many years going to flea markets with her daughters and bringing home treasures. Her extensive cookbook collection is impressive! She was the grandkids' "#1 Fan". For many years she attended all of their sports events, where she took stats and cheered them on, while proudly displaying their buttons on her hat. Joyce had a passion for travel, which she satisfied during her retirement years. She visited many states but she especially loved the Oregon coast and Sedona Arizona. Her enthusiasm in researching her family roots led her and her daughter to Germany in 1989 to Schillingsfurst, a small Bavarian town where her Great Grandfather had been the local blacksmith. Always ready for another adventure, she subsequently made many more trips

to Europe. She was interested and eager to learn the history of each country and town she visited. While in London, Joyce climbed the 528 steps to the highest point of St. Paul's Cathedral. She hiked through the glens of Scotland and climbed Mt Snowden in Wales. In France, she walked the beaches of Normandy, was amazed at Mont Saint-Michel, and looked out over Paris from atop the Eiffel tower. She enjoyed the tour of Neuschwanstein Castle on a second trip to Germany. In Switzerland she walked the 400 year old Chapel Bridge in Lucerne. Driving with friends on the winding roads of Austria was another memorable experience. Her most recent trip was to Ireland to overlook the spectacular Cliffs of Moher. Joyce was fortunate to have such good friends to share these exciting times. Joyce is survived by her six children: Yvonne Burke of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, Marlene (Steve) Hillman of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, Charlotte (Jeff) Geske of Lapeer, MI, Albert (Karen) Hatch, Jr. of Traverse City, MI, Debbie Cook of Sault Ste. Marie, MI and Gary (Sheila) Hatch of Hendersonville, TN; 15 Grandchildren: Christopher, Nathan, and Nicholas Hillman, Jacob and Eli Geske, Conor, Evan, Jonah, Jacqueline, and Melissa Hatch, Caleb, Rachel, and Hannah Cook, Gabrielle and Landon Hatch, and one great grandchild: Ella Cook. She is also survived by a sister: Jacqueline Starnes of Warren, MI. Joyce was preceded in death by her husband, Albert L. Hatch Sr. (by only three days), her parents, two brothers: Raymond and Ralph Burgess; and two sisters: Dorothy Bradley and Elaine Lovegrove; and a son-in-law: Donald Cook. A celebration of life for Joyce and Albert will be held early in the summer. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Hospice of the EUP.

Tribute Wall

JP

“ Gary - When we saw you in St. Ignace, we were not aware that you had just lost both parents. We are so sorry to hear. You and your family have our deepest sympathy. The Palos

Jeff and Eda Palo - March 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ To Albert and family. I worked with Joyce at the Sheriff Dept years ago, back when Dave Hanna was Sheriff. I really enjoyed working with her. She was a super lady. My condolences to all of you.

Paul Baker - March 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Very sorry for your loss to Gary, Sheila, and family. I don't know what to say. I am sorry.

christina hank - February 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Words can not express. I hope Knowing that Al and Joyce are together will bring peace and comfort your hearts are in need of. Much love to your family.

Toni Mills - February 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. Kevin and Michelle Taskila

Michelle Taskila - February 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ We don't know what to say.....will continue to pray for you all. Again, great memories of both of your folks. Tom & Karen

Tom & Karen Morley - February 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ We were sorry to hear of your parents passing but so thankful for the memories we have in years gone by and their testimony and love for Jesus. Your Mom had baby sat me when I was younger. I was a Funderburg and married Mike Ostrander. We all lived in the Trout Lake area. May the Lord give you strength you need - how difficult to loose both parents within the same week.

Judy Ostrander - February 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Where are the words to express the admiration I have for Aunt Joyce! A one of a kind sweet lady although recently she told me she had never been described as sweet. Loved by her family and looked up to by her nephews and nieces. A women of her word and a determination above others. I remember the times she and my mother spent together drinking coffee and talking, while we entertained each other. The one memory that stands out the most is when they decided all the girls should have their hair cut. It was a long time before we needed another one! Happy that Aunt Joyce is in heaven with the rest of her family that loves her so ??

Carolyn Burgess - February 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Gary and Sheila we are thinking of u and your family and praying for comfort during this time, Cindy Johnson

Cindy Johnson - February 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ gary such a wonderful tribute to your mom she sounded like an amazing woman prayers for you sheila and all the family love aunt dot and jack sr

dot and jack whaleysr - February 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Growing up next door, I always admired your mother. Her travels were amazing and I know she loved her family. God bless you all.

Jan Hole - February 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ I had so much fun with Joyce, whether it was sitting and listening to her stories, playing cribbage or going on an adventure. She always made me feel like one of the family. I miss her already..... She tried to help me see a Moose in the wild. Although that hasn't happened yet, she said I would see one someday and she would be with me. I believe she will be. I am so lucky to have the Hatch family in my life. My thoughts are with each of you. If there is anything I can do.....all you need to do is say the word.

Stephanie - February 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ I was the luckiest girl of all to have such wonderful neighbors! I have beautiful flowers in my flowerbeds, and wonderful memories of the best apple pie that I have ever had! Going to miss our visits and the wild flower bouquets in the Spring and summer. She was truly my "Garden Lady" Albert, his heart was as BIG as they come!!!! I loved his love for animals and his sweet smile is one I will never forget. The squirrels and I will miss him deeply. Forever your girl next door~

Kandy Radtke - February 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ My heart goes out to the Hatch Family. Joyce was "my other Mother" and I loved her dearly. She was my mentor and my friend. We worked together at the Sheriff Dept. for 20 years and kept the friendship going since. We shared many long talks over lunch and she always caught me up on what was going on with her beloved family. She shared her adventures with me. The photos were always breathtaking. We talked about going to Australia together, but never seemed to seal the deal. With my health issues this past year, I wasn't able to visit her for fear of passing on any germs. I miss my friend!

Debbie Harrison - February 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ R.I.P. Sergeant Hatch you will be missed.

Jaylene Robinson-Nayback-Berkompas - February 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ So sorry for your families loss.

Wendy Glenn - February 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Sorry for your loss.. God bless.

Annis George - February 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ My Condolences. God Bless the Family,

Sharon (Desormeaux) Covey - February 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM