



## Joann E. Dickerson

February 15, 1937 - September 11, 2017

Joann Ellen Dickerson, 80, of Clare, Michigan passed away at home surrounded by the love of her family on Monday, September 11, 2017. Joann was predeceased by her son Jeffery Michael, parents Alma (Schafer) Hogan and Joseph Hogan, two siblings, Jane and Matthew and one son-in-law, Steven MacLean. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, George Lyle Dickerson; four children, Timothy (Theresa) Dickerson of Middleville, MI, Teresa (Keith) Beatty of Clare, MI, James Dickerson of Ceresco, MI, Beth MacLean of Traverse City, MI; eleven grandchildren Miles and Marlee MacLean, Carly and Casey Dickerson, Nick, Jeff (Britney), Ben and Alec Dickerson, Hailey (Josh) Barton, Kelsey (Jordan) McConnell, Tyler (Gabrielle) Beatty; and one great-granddaughter Clara Dickerson; ten siblings Helen (Bud) Adams, Mary (Joseph) Platte, Ruth (Robert) Critchlow, Debra (Martha Moorehead) Hogan, John Hogan, Russ (Wendy Fielder) Hogan, Michael (Mary) Hogan, Patrick (Millie) Hogan, Roger Hogan, Douglas (Brenda) Hogan; numerous nieces and nephews and special friends Todd Gokey, Angela Haaf and Branden Robinson.

Joann was born the first of thirteen Hogan children on February 15, 1937 in Ionia, MI. She attended Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School from kindergarten to 12th grade. Her first real job, besides babysitting, was at Perron's Variety Store as a counter girl where she met the love of her life, George Lyle Dickerson. It took him a year and a half of "hanging out" at the store before she would agree to go out with this motorcycling bad boy from

Palo, MI. Little did she know that she would spend her life on the back of his motorcycle traveling the country visiting all 50 states. They were married on September 6, 1958 at Saints Peter and Paul's Catholic Church, Ionia, MI. Joann started teaching in a one room schoolhouse and ended her career in 1997 at Clare High School as a special education teacher. After retiring, George and Joann traveled all over the world, visiting every continent except Antarctica. Their last big adventure was a beautiful, first class train ride across Canada last September.

Joann was a talented baker, making all of her children's wedding cakes as well as few for her nieces and nephews. The grandchildren knew that her cookie jar was always full of home-baked treats made with the love only a grandmother can sprinkle on top. Every Christmas season would find all eleven grandchildren plus several neighborhood children building gingerbread houses with Grandma in the kitchen making memories, messes and masterpieces.

Joann was very active in the community volunteering her time with the mentoring program at Clare primary school, the Irish Festival Committee and the St. Cecilia's ladies guild. She was a member of the Classy Clarettes Red Hats Society and bowled in the ladies league at Gateway Lanes.

Visitation for Joann will be at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 from 2:00 to 5:00pm and 7:00pm to 9:00pm. A special prayer service will take place at 8:00pm with an opportunity to share memories with the family. The funeral service will take place at Our Lady of Hope Parish – St. Cecilia Site in Clare, MI on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 11:00am. A luncheon will take place in the church hall following services at St. Cecilia Cemetery. Memorial contributions will be used to create a scholarship in Joann's memory. On-line guestbook at [www.stephen-son-wyman.com](http://www.stephen-son-wyman.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery

411 Schoolcrest Ave.  
Clare, MI 48617

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 13. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)  
1005 North McEwan St.  
Clare, MI 48617  
(989) 386-7451  
wymanhf@chartermi.net  
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

## Visitation

SEP 13. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Scripture Vigil Service

SEP 13. 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

SEP 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Hope Parish, St. Cecilia Site  
106 E. Wheaton Street  
Clare, MI 48617

# Tribute Wall

RJ

“ So sad to hear of Joann's passing. She was one of the sweetest persons we ever encountered. Our condolences to the entire Dickerson family. Clare High School was made better because of her presence and contributions. She will be missed.

*Rob & Jude Johnson  
Goodyear, AZ*

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**Rob Johnson** - October 14, 2017 at 08:28 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joann E. Dickerson.



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September 16, 2017 at 10:12 AM

RH

“ Mrs. Dickerson was such a large part of my life during high school. She was always so kind and gave me great advice on more than one occasion. Serval times she made me feel like part of the family. She will be missed dearly. Heaven gained a beautiful Angel with Joann. Much love to her family.

*Yours truely  
Rhonda V.*

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**Rhonda** - September 15, 2017 at 11:23 PM

PN

“ JoAnn was such a beautiful person. I have so many memories of cross country ski trips with her and George. Good times and lots of laughs. Thoughts and prayers for George and the entire Dickerson family.

Paula Newkirk - September 15, 2017 at 08:44 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joann E. Dickerson.



September 14, 2017 at 05:07 AM

RT

“ JoAnn was such a beautiful lady, inspiring Teacher, and fun to work with over the years preparing for the Irish Recipe Contest. She will be missed dearly. Love and prayers to her family during this difficult time. May you cherish your special memories you shared with her.

Rebecca Terpening - September 13, 2017 at 09:05 PM

JW

“ JoAnn was such a sweetheart of a lady.. Her special teaching technique was so amazing..I could talk to her for hours about anything. I will miss her for sure..I send heartfelt condolences to her family...

Jenny Walkiewicz - September 13, 2017 at 04:13 PM

DJ

Our condolences go out to the Dickerson family during your time of loss. From the Johnston family near and far.

Don Johnston - September 14, 2017 at 08:54 PM

CB

“ *Joann was a kind, lovely woman, always smiling, very involved in Our Lady of Hope Parish and Ladies Guild, she will be so missed. My prayers are with all of the family. God Bless...  
Carla Brown*

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**Carla Brown** - September 13, 2017 at 02:53 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Joann E. Dickerson.*



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September 13, 2017 at 11:15 AM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Joann E. Dickerson.*



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September 13, 2017 at 10:43 AM

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**Terri Beatty** - September 12, 2017 at 09:44 PM

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**Terri Beatty** - September 12, 2017 at 09:23 PM

FW

“ *Joann was such a gentle soul. She was a good friend and I will miss her very much.  
Say hi to Cliff when you meet up there!*

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**Fran Wellman** - September 12, 2017 at 09:01 PM

TR

“ *What a wonderful lady. Love to you George and the Family.  
T.J. Ryneanson*

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**T.J. Ryneanson** - September 12, 2017 at 04:15 PM

CS

*I am so shocked to hear that. My thoughts and prayers are with you*

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**Christine Scherrer** - September 12, 2017 at 04:29 PM

KH

*I will be eternally grateful for all of the love and friendship Joann gave me during my early years at Clare High School. She was one of a kind and will be missed. Thoughts and prayers for her family.*

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**Kathy Howard** - September 12, 2017 at 06:14 PM

LL

*Growing up in Clare with her daughter Beth, Mrs. Dickerson was always so nice to me. She was kind and caring and she will be missed. Praying for her entire family during this sad time.*

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**Liz (Wellman) Loyselle** - September 12, 2017 at 10:04 PM

DS

*To the Dickerson family My prayers are with you all. She use to teach me when I lived in Clare years ago. She can bowl with my granma in heaven God Bless you prayers and hugs*

**Deborah Stoneham** - September 12, 2017 at 10:38 PM

JD

*What a bright star the sky's of heaven have now! She has reaped her reward and will be greeted by so many family and friends. Joann was a true example of how we are to break down all barriers and truly love one another! My first thought when I heard was that now she and Jeff will spend some more quality time together. She was truly a blessing to me. Joanne Dana*

**Joanne Dana** - September 13, 2017 at 07:24 AM

KM

*My heart is with your whole family as you celebrate all the wonderful memories and mourn her passing.*

**Kirsten Montroy** - September 13, 2017 at 09:31 AM

KK

*Joann was a wonderful lady, with the emphasis on "lady". I have so many fond memories of our years working together. Everything she did was for the kids! She leaves a legacy of love for her family and her Clare High School family.*

**kim Kolbe** - September 13, 2017 at 02:59 PM

CS

*I forgot to add that my kids always looked so forward to her homemade Carmel apples at Halloween. First place they wanted to go. They always said the best they ever had*

**Christine Scherrer** - September 13, 2017 at 06:47 PM

KY

*To the Dickerson Family: I was stunned to hear of Joann's passing. I have never met a more caring, compassionate and selfless person in my life. Her quit wit and servant attitude set an example for all of us to emulate. My heartfelt prayers go out to the entire family.*

**Kirk Yats** - September 14, 2017 at 10:17 AM

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*I am so sorry and so sad to hear about Aunt Joann. My heart goes out to all of you and you are in my thoughts and prayers. Especially you Uncle George. I am so sorry to be far away in Florida. I would have shown my love and support if I was back in Michigan. Love to you all.*

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**Tiffany Romelus (Holcomb)** - September 15, 2017 at 03:34 PM