



## Katheleen E. Jackson

June 2, 1940 - February 17, 2021

Katheleen Elizabeth Jackson, age 80, of Clare, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones on Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021. She was born the daughter of Arthur and Marjorie (Dwyer) Thayer, on June 2, 1940, in Clare. Katheleen was married to William Craig Jackson on November 7, 1964, and he survives her. She had a Bachelor's Degree in Education and a Master's Degree in Home Economics from Central Michigan University, and taught in the Grand Rapids area and Big Rapids area schools. She retired from the Mecosta/Osceola Intermediate School District. She served as the Director of Project Starburst in Big Rapids from 1990 until 2004. She was an active member of the National Ski Patrol for 35 years. She served as a Board of Directors member for the City of Clare Cherry Grove Cemetery for several years, which coincided with her love of genealogy. Katheleen also enjoyed creating stained glass windows and artwork, being involved in the local 4-H program, creating ceramics, sewing, and reading books. She and William were members of the Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church in Clare and she sang in the choir.

Katheleen is survived by her husband, William and her children: Kelvin and Shari Jackson of Mt. Pleasant; Jeanette and Bill Hensler of Holt; Dianne and John Rose of Ithaca; Lynda and David McCartney of Winter Haven, Fla.; Theresa and Roger Diehl of Paris, MI; and Holly and Victor Kwiatkowski of Farwell. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, her

sisters, Ann (Tom) James of Cadillac, and Jane (Dan) Pyrett of Clio. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Robert Thayer, and his wife Patricia.

A funeral mass will be held on Monday, Feb. 22, 2021 at 11:00 am at the Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church (St. Cecilia site in Clare) with Monsignor Frances Koper officiating. For those not able to attend, the service will be live-streamed on the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home Facebook page beginning at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in the Vernon Township Cemetery. Friends may meet with her family on Sunday, Feb. 21, at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to Our Lady of Hope Church or to MidMichigan Homecare-Hospice. Mask wear and social distancing precautions will be strongly encouraged. If you are unable to attend, an online condolence register is available on Katheleen's Tribute page at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Vernon Township Cemetery

8100 N. Mission Rd.  
Clare, MI 48617

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 2:00 PM - 4:00 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

FEB 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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FEB **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ *My deepest sympathy Craig*

Don Hemstreet - February 23, 2021 at 03:08 PM

DL

“ *Project Starburst, the food pantry sends our condolences on the passing of Katheleen Jackson, a former director. She will be remembered for her support of the families that need food in Mecosta and Osceola counties.*

*Diane Long, Director Project Starburst*

Diane Long - February 22, 2021 at 12:25 PM

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“ *So sorry for your loss, Great Aunt Katheleen will be missed. Sending her family hugs and prayers during this difficult time.*



Chelsea Hyatt (Schanhals) - February 22, 2021 at 10:42 AM

CM

“ Hi all you of Kathleen's kids, especially you Kelvin. I was really telling myself I was going to come and be with you this afternoon. But we had company after church - my husband has been fighting "issues" since a fall in late December, and feel like the day has gotten away from me. We are in our 80's + too of course. Your mom and I shared many "times" together - first of all French class in high school. Then when your family moved to this area and YOU and our oldest Cathy became FRIENDS. Thanks again Kelly for sharing with us when we lost Cathy. I remember when you girls went thru our school system but didn't get to know you personally. The last time I seen her was in Walmart, maybe - your dad was lurking and told me she had some dementia going on. It seems like its the ones like her that have accomplished the most that end up with that dreaded disease. HUGS to you all.  
Carol Bradley Miller

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Carol Miller - February 21, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Katheleen E. Jackson.



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February 20, 2021 at 11:08 AM

AC

“ Our thoughts and Prayers go out to the family!

Love-The Costello family (Steve, Angie, Jenelle, Savannah and Kimberly)



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Angie Costello - February 20, 2021 at 09:33 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathleen E. Jackson.*



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February 20, 2021 at 06:55 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen E. Jackson.*



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February 20, 2021 at 05:18 AM



“ *Bill and family, I am so sorry to hear of Kathleen's passing. My heart goes out to you. We were in the (H.A.G.S.) Harrison Area Genealogy Society together and she was a lot of help, of course she loved that family history. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Connie Calkins*

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**Connie Calkins** - February 19, 2021 at 04:42 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kathleen E. Jackson.*



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February 19, 2021 at 10:01 AM

WF

“ Warmest condolences, the Zuellig & DeYonker family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Katheleen E. Jackson.



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**Warmest condolences, the Zuellig & DeYonker family -**  
February 18, 2021 at 08:15 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Katheleen E. Jackson.



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February 18, 2021 at 03:23 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katheleen E. Jackson.



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February 18, 2021 at 01:12 PM

GF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We went to school with Kathleen. Gail and Jim Finch.

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**Gail and Jim Finch -** February 18, 2021 at 09:37 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen E. Jackson.* ”



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February 17, 2021 at 10:07 PM