



## Louisa Jean Gisvold

October 1, 1939 - January 3, 2014

Louisa Jean "Jeannie" Gisvold, age 74, of Mt. Pleasant, passed away on Friday, January 3, at her home. She was born the daughter of Theodore and Lydia "Louisa"(Rogers) Bowler on Oct, 1, 1939 in Clare. Jeannie had moved to Mt. Pleasant 10 years ago from Burke, Virginia and had lived in Clare throughout her youth. She had been a Professor of French at Northern Virginia Community College for 37 years and while teaching there had attended the American University at night to earn her Juris Doctorate. She practiced law in Virginia specializing in Child Advocacy and worked as Juvenile Court Referee and Magistrate for the Isabella County Trial Court for the last 10 years. Education was very important to her and while pursuing her education, she attended and received degrees from universities in the U.S., Canada and France. She was a member of both the Michigan and the Virginia Bar Associations, the N.E.A., and the St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Clare.

Jeannie is survived by her children, Kristin (Cory) Smith of Capon Bridge, W. Va., Eric Gisvold of Capon Bridge , W.Va., and Dana Gisvold of Hedgesville, W. Va., her brother, Theodore "Joe" Bowler of Moorpark, Ca., and her grandchildren, Connor Smith and Dalton Shirley.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 11:00 AM from the St. Cecilia Church in Clare with Fr. Prentice Tipton officiating. Burial will be in the St. Cecilia Cemetery in Clare. Friends may meet with her family on Tuesday, Jan. 7 from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 PM at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman

Funeral Home where a scripture service will be held at 8:30 PM. If you are unable to attend, you are invited to leave her family an online condolence message at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery

411 Schoolcrest Ave.  
Clare, MI 48617

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 7. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)  
1005 North McEwan St.  
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## Service

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JAN 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

SJ

“ We are saddened to hear of Jean's passing. She was a longtime resident and neighbor. She will be missed by all who knew her.

*Sincerely  
Sandi Jeffery  
Chairperson  
Eight Point Lake property owners corporation*

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**Sandi Jeffery** - April 30, 2014 at 08:46 AM

LB

“ Aunt Bicky just saw this less than an hour ago.  
More condolences to the whole family. You've weathered the first month. The pain will weaken over time, and your bright memories will blossom. When Jean said, "I want to be a lawyer, Bic." I said, "Are you nuts! You have 3 kids to feed." It makes me smile, when I remember Jeanne ~ one of the BEST friends of my life. Blessings...



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**LYDABELLE BICKNELL** - February 24, 2014 at 08:40 AM

BS

“ Jeannie was always a pleasure to work with in our law enforcement community. She will be missed and her smile too. The girls from ICSD / De Willman, Becky Sides, Jen Swanson and Lori Schumacher

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**Becky Sides** - January 08, 2014 at 02:07 PM

AM

“ Jean was always very professional in court, respectful of the parties and the attorneys. My mother had taught science in the Clare Public Schools and sometimes we would talk about Clare. Her fondness for her hometown was evident. I wish her family well during this time of grief.  
--Andy Marks

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**andy marks** - January 07, 2014 at 04:11 PM

JW

“ My sincerest condolences. Heaven has gained a special angel who will make sure to keep a loving eye on her family whom she adored. She had a smile, laugh, and a way about her that will live on forever in our hearts and memoires. Will forever remember the fun trips to Costco, ribbon making sessions, visit to the lake with gourmet picnics, and hanging in the kitchen in Burke drinking hot tea. She gave me wonderful friends in her children, and I'm sure kept us out of more trouble than we know with her sound advice. Rest in Peace  
- Jessica

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**Jessica Ward** - January 07, 2014 at 12:02 PM

JB

“ Kristin, Eric, Dana and family~Jean was such a wonderful person! I always enjoyed going before her in court; she was such a joyful lady. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your entire family at this time. Her bright smile and laughter will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

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**Joe Barberi** - January 07, 2014 at 07:54 AM

AD

“ Ms. Gisvold was there for me during a 4 day stay in the hospital in Michigan. I was visiting Eight Point Lake at her cottage and suffered a fishing accident, so to speak. She visited me every day and read me magazines and then helped me get to the airport to fly back to VA. I will always remember those acts of kindness. The world was a better place with her in it. - Alex Darby

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**Alex Darby** - January 07, 2014 at 06:58 AM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Louisa Jean Gisvold.



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January 07, 2014 at 06:47 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Louisa Jean Gisvold.



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January 06, 2014 at 03:16 PM

TG

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jeannie's passing. I was sorry to see her leave Northern Virginia Community College. She worked so hard for the French Club for students when we were both club advisors. I am glad she had a chance to practice law and hope it was very rewarding to her. My sympathies to her children and grandchildren on your great loss. I hope your happy memories will help ease the pain during this difficult time. Professor Talula Guntner

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**Talula Guntner** - January 06, 2014 at 01:45 PM

MG

“ We were privileged to know and teach alongside Jeannie at Northern Virginia Community College many years ago. I remember her happy smile and infectious giggle, as we swapped stories about raising our kids. It's been a long time since we've seen her, but mutual friends have told us that the same Jeannie we knew and loved continued with her life's work after leaving Virginia. She was a monument to concern for young people!!!

*Profs. Mary and Donald Gregory*

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**Mary Gregory** - January 06, 2014 at 01:25 PM

JW

“ Kristen, Eric, Dana. I learned so much from your mom...maybe most importantly though is that there is almost no issue that can't be solved with the help of a good friend, a cup of tea, or a trip to COSTCO. Your mother was not only a tireless advocate for youth and families, she was a tireless advocate for her friends!! Eric she was so PROUD of your recent graduation from nursing school, and Kristin and Dana she loved those babies more than you will ever know. Thank you for sharing her with us.

*Julie Warner (Tim, Justin, and Jessica)*

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**JU LIE WARNER** - January 06, 2014 at 06:03 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Louisa Jean Gisvold.*



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January 05, 2014 at 07:23 PM



“ *Jean and I are second cousins. My grandfather, Frank Bates and her grandmother, Jennie Bates Bowler, were brother and sisters. Jean and I went to high school together; I remember that she was very intelligent and lots of fun. I enjoyed renewing our friendship after she came back to Michigan and admire her for starting a second career later in her life.*

*Joan Bates Hopkins*

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**Joan Hopkins** - January 05, 2014 at 05:55 PM

RN

“ Joe and family. I was saddened to hear about Jean's passing but as we celebrate her life was reminded of her great contributions over the years to her family, students and friends.

*I lived with my family just down the street in Clare and so proud of her and her family. Jean was a classmate of sister Nancy and a big sister to my sister Sue. Father Ted who worked for the Sun Oil Company, left us when we were all very young. Mother Louisa put up with me and many others in English class at the Clare Public school. Joe, a personal friend of mine and brother Tom. Other family members just down the street and still present contributing members of the Clare community.*

*Celebrate your memories and times with Jean. A tear of joy in my mind just from the past and the opportunity to share this with others.*

*God Bless All,*

*Ray Neff*

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**Ray Neff** - January 05, 2014 at 05:25 PM