



## Marjean L. Sikkema

August 17, 1936 - September 23, 2025

Marjean Louise Sikkema, age 89 of Farwell, passed away Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at Pioneer Golden Estate in Clare. Marjean was born the daughter of the late Glenn and Marie (Pittelkow) Winchell on August 17, 1936 in Homer. She was united in marriage Andrew “Andy” Sikkema on August 13, 1955 in Homer, with him predeceasing her on August 3, 2024. Marjean had worked for the Farwell Area Schools from 1970 to 1992; she had started as the School Librarian and retired as an Administrative Secretary. Marjean and Andy had developed Beech Tree Estates in Farwell, and along with her daughter and son-in-law Janice and Mike Jenkins established Elm Creek Ltd, outside Farwell which continues in operation today. Marjean had been extremely active in the Farwell community having been a member of the Farwell Women’s Club for 40 years, a member of the Farwell Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Farwell Area Historical Museum. She had been chosen as the Clare County Women of the Year in 1984. Marjean’s interest included gardening, cooking, knitting, reading and feeding her wild birds. She enjoyed the times spent at the cottage, camping with her family and the holidays. Marjean is survived by her children, Andrew M. and Laura Sikkema of Marquette and Janice and Mike Jenkins of Farwell; her son-in-law, John Jenkins of Menominee; grandchildren, Andrew P. Sikkema and Jessica Beauchamp of Massachusetts, Erin Sikkema and Darryn Adams of Marquette and Daniel and Maegan Jenkins of Clare, and great grandchildren, Tanner, Samantha, Nash, Savannah and Alexandra; a sister Rosemarie Butler of

Homer, and half siblings Vance Larder of Colorado, Sherry (Howard) Trader of Homer and Sharon (Jeff) Kreger of Marshall. Marjean was predeceased by her daughter, Deann Jenkins in 2020; brother and sister-in-law's Elden and Shirley Winchell and Robert and Irene Winchell, and a brother-in-law David Butler.

A memorial visitation to celebrate her life is scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 10 AM until 12 noon at the Farwell Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. Following the celebration, she will be interred in the Surrey Twp. Cemetery. A reception will be held at the Clare-Farwell American Legion Post 558 following the cemetery service. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Surrey Twp. Public Library; contributions can be made during the memorial visitation or dropped off at Elm Creek. Please visit Marjean's Tribute Page at the website, [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com) where you may leave her family online condolence messages.

# Cemetery Details

## Surrey Township Cemetery

101 W. Ludington Dr.  
Farwell, MI 48622

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

OCT 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Farwell)  
165 South Hall St.  
P.O. Box 231  
Farwell, MI 48622  
(989) 588-9630  
wymanhf@chartermi.net  
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

## Burial

OCT 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

Surrey Township Cemetery  
101 W. Ludington Dr.  
Farwell, MI 48622

# Tribute Wall

DH

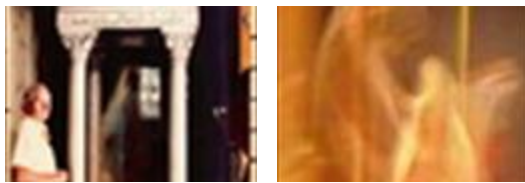
“ *What a great Lady. learned so much from her about plantings and gardens.*

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**Dawn Holzer** - October 16, 2025 at 06:44 AM

TA

“ *2 files added to the album Heaven*



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**Talganura** - October 16, 2025 at 01:02 AM

MB

“ *I met her while she resided at pioneer. She was such a kind, loving and general soul. While visiting my mother I would sit near her during the meals. She often would talk about her grandchildren with a smile! She mentioned having a horse coat and that she was afraid her children wouldn't know what it was. She said it was her great grandmothers coat. Just thought I would pass that along.*

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**Ms. Bird** - September 27, 2025 at 11:46 PM

JJ

*Thank you for the kinds words and sharing your story.*

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**Janice Jenkins** - September 29, 2025 at 08:26 AM

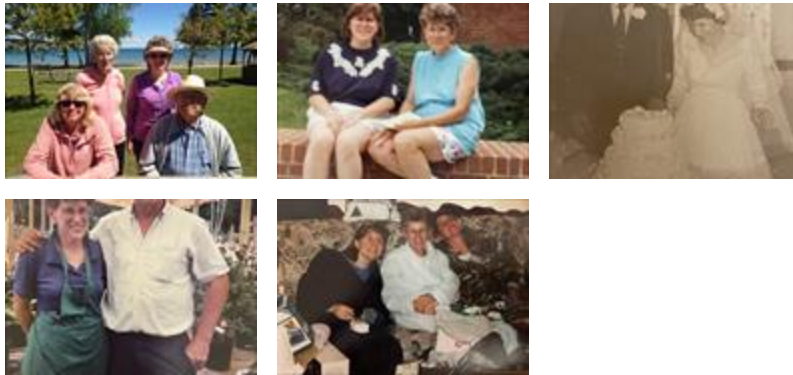
PR

*So sorry for your loss considering all going on in your life right now... you gave a wonderful historical speech on quilting & the horse quilt you had from your mother during the Clare Crazy Quilters luncheon. I was there from Coleman. I sew with Beaverton Crazy ❤️ Quilters. I luv your store & quilting things & fabric. Prayers*

Paula Rosebrock - October 15, 2025 at 11:06 AM

JJ

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Janice Jenkins - September 27, 2025 at 09:40 AM

JJ

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Janice Jenkins - September 27, 2025 at 09:14 AM

LQ

*I love these photos! What a wonderful woman she was! The community and I will feel her absence 😞. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of the family 🙏*

Liz Queen - October 15, 2025 at 09:51 AM

DV

“ I have attended to many of the Craft Shows that Marjean has hosted and she was a very nice kind lady who worked hard and getting vendors set up. May she Rest in Peace 🙏🕊️ she will be missed.

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**Donna Valko** - September 24, 2025 at 03:51 PM

JJ

Thank you Donna.  
Mom loved putting on the craft shows and loved talking to all the vendors. She will be very missed

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**Janice Jenkins** - September 27, 2025 at 09:01 AM

CF

“ I am a cousin of Marjean's. Our mothers were very close especially when our father's were both in the Army at the same time. Marjean lost her father at a very young age when he was electrocuted at work. She always had a smile and positive things to say. All who knew her were very lucky, her family will miss her and I hope they can keep all memories of her close to their heart.

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**Carol Fogel** - September 24, 2025 at 12:35 PM

JJ

Thank you Carol for the kind words. We will miss her daily

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**Janice Jenkins** - September 27, 2025 at 08:53 AM

RJ

“ I'll always remember going trick or treating at Andy and Marjean's , she waited for us every year and treated our kids like family, she was a wonderful lady and will miss her presence

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**Roberta Jenkins** - September 24, 2025 at 11:54 AM

JJ

*Thank you Roberta, she loved to have the children visit. She loved children and they all made her happy.*

**Janice Jenkins** - September 27, 2025 at 09:05 AM

AW

*It was a pleasant experience working many years ago with Marjean at the Farwell Elementary School Library. She was a kind and pleasant lady. She will be missed by her family and the community. She gave of herself. Thanks to her from the Farwell Area Historical Museum.*

**Alice Wilson** - October 01, 2025 at 08:38 AM

JJ

*Thank you Alice.  
Mom was very active in her community. She loved living in Farwell.*

**Janice Jenkins** - October 14, 2025 at 03:52 PM