



Josephine B St. John

August 18, 1919 - June 23, 2017

Josephine St. John, 97, of St. Anne passed away Friday, June 23, 2017 at Presence Heritage Village, Kankakee, Illinois. She was born in Highland, Michigan on August 18, 1919 to Karl and Elizabeth C. (Schleutker) St. John. Josephine went to Highland Elementary and Milford High School in Michigan for her early education and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Olivet Nazarene College in 1950. Upon graduation she worked for the college and then went to work for General Foods for three years. In 1952 she was hired by St. Anne Grade School as a fifth grade teacher. She transferred to the Manteno School District in 1962 to teach Business and then fifth grade until her retirement in 1990. She was also the author of two books.

Upon retirement Josephine spent her time substitute teaching and serving God in anything He asked of her. She was a faithful servant.

Josephine is survived by a sister-in-law, Gladys St. John of Portland, OR, nine nieces and nephews, and many great nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her close friends, Caren (Ron) Holderman of Kankakee and Rev. Marcie (Rev. Greg) Chambers of Bourbonnais, Rev. Jack (Edna) Stone of Chandler, AZ. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister; Mildred Edith Stockel and 3 brothers; Claire Duane, Glenn Laverne, and Keith Cranston St. John.

There will be a visitation Tuesday, June 27, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel. There will be an additional time of visitation on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

with a funeral service on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Kankakee Eastridge Church of the Nazarene officiated by Rev. Greg Chambers and Rev. Marcie Chambers. Burial will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Kankakee, IL. Memorials may be made to Kankakee Eastridge Church of the Nazarene.

Please sign her online guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

JUN 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Eastridge Church of the Nazarene
Kankakee, IL 60901

Funeral Service

JUN 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Eastridge Church of the Nazarene
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall



“ *Josephine B St. John*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Thank you Miss St. John. I learned a lot from you.*

Harriet Rayman Allen - July 02, 2017 at 01:11 PM



“ *My sweet Aunt Jo was the always-thoughtful aunt who sent a stick of gum in every card and letter back when everyone was poor and that was a big deal. One of my favorite memories was the time she and Maizy got snowbound at our house in Syracuse, Ohio. I love you Aunt Jo and know you will be there to greet me when I get to Heaven. I wish I could see you up there verbally sparring with my dad right now. The thought makes me giggle.*

Jeannie St, John Taylor - June 25, 2017 at 09:27 PM



“ *Ms. St. John was also the School Annual Advisor for a number of years in the 60's assisting a small ban of students publish the Mantenau school yearbook. Being a part of the annual staff was great training on team work. Thank you, Ms. St. John! Rest in peace.*

Mary Lou Paquette - June 25, 2017 at 07:30 AM



“ *i had her as a teacher in the 70s--sure she will b shareing many stories*

janice (potts) keating - June 25, 2017 at 06:21 AM

KF

“ Me. St. John was one of my 5th grade teachers. She was always there to help you out. She was also always there to push you to learn and do your best and to read and learn all that you could.



Kristina Finnegan - June 25, 2017 at 01:34 AM

 Debra Choate

“ Miss St. John was my fifth grade teacher. She was a tough cookie, but taught me so much. I still talk about her from time to time with a little story from her class. I am now 53 years old. She left an everlasting presence in my life. She not only taught lessons in the classroom, but lessons for life.
May God her. Amen

Debra Choate - June 24, 2017 at 09:41 PM

DS

“ Prayers to her family. She was a great teacher! Always saying read, learn because knowledge is everything.

Donna (Page) Stone - June 24, 2017 at 08:34 PM

LK

“ Ms. St. John was the first teacher I would go visit when school started each year in Manteno High School...I remember her always telling me to read, learn, because knowledge is everything...keep your mind open to everything because it will serve you well...40 years later and her words still make me learn...She was right...

Linda Kirk - June 24, 2017 at 07:04 PM

JK

“ Aunt Jo was the only aunt we had that ALWAYS remembered our birthdays. I remember waiting on the porch for the mail to arrive because I knew it would have a card, a stick of gum, and a dollar! That was quite a nice feeling each year when that arrived! Will miss you Aunt Jo but we will see you soon! God gifted you to us for longer than most. Love you!

jodi Kinzinger - June 24, 2017 at 03:40 PM

CH

Thanks so much for sharing. A stick of gum, huh? She did like her gum--Doublemint was the final flavor of the month.

caren holderman - June 24, 2017 at 06:56 PM

JG

I was the new kid in town when I entered 5th grade in St. Anne. Everyone had forewarned me that she was a very strict teacher, therefore I was nervous to begin school in her class. I quickly learned that she expected you to be the best student that you could possibly be. To this day, I consider her one of my best teachers. Condolences to her family & friends.

Joan Henneinke Gehm - June 25, 2017 at 08:13 PM