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**L**ucia Jean Hanson, a lifelong resident of Big Rapids, Michigan, passed away on October 14, 2023.

She was born on February 17, 1947, to her loving parents, Tom and Etta (Buckley) Ryan. Lucia was a remarkable woman who touched the lives of many with her boundless love, compassion, and enthusiasm for life. Lucia's journey was marked by her enduring love story with her beloved husband, Thomas Hanson, whom she married on July 18, 1969. Their special bond was evident to all who knew them, and together they built a beautiful family in Grant Center, raising their children on Oak Road, where countless cherished memories were created.

Lucia's warmth and generosity extended beyond her own family. She was a true supporter and a devoted prayer warrior and cheerleader for numerous people in her life. She had a unique gift for bringing people together and was known as a talented party planner, always eager to celebrate life's moments with loved ones. To know Lucia was to love her, as she made everyone around her feel special.

Lucia and Tom were blessed with three children, Nels, Erika (Rodney) Fredrick, Ryan and Danielle (Morneau) Hanson. Their family continued to grow with the addition of four grandchildren: Zachary Fredrick, Leah (Justin) Sims, Mackenzie Hanson, Lane Hanson, and an honorary grandchild, Paris Curtiss. Lucia was preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Etta Ryan, and her in-laws, Nels and Evelyn Hanson. She also mourned the loss of her son, Nels Hanson, sister Roseanne Sapp, brother-in-law Paul Sapp, niece Paula Sapp, and nephews Tom and Jeff Sapp, and brother-in-law Jack Leach. Lucia is survived by her siblings, Tom Ryan (Charles Kralovec), Kathy (Norm) Hopkins, Pat (Rhoda) Ryan, Tim (Paula) Ryan, sister-in-law, Suzanne Leach, and several nieces and nephews.

Lucia dedicated her working life to caring for others, and she retired from the Mecosta Osceola Intermediate School District. She was a proud graduate of Big



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Rapids High School's class of 1965. Lucia's lifelong career choices were a reflection of her deep caring for people. After completing her education, she embarked on a journey at Sunshine Hospital in Grand Rapids, where her compassionate spirit was shown as she provided care and comfort to patients in need. Her passion for making a positive impact led her to the role of Activities Director at Green Ridge Nursing Home. Recognizing the need for support, she initiated the area's first Alzheimer's support group. Her efforts provided invaluable assistance to both patients and their families, leaving an enduring mark on the community. In her later years, Lucia devoted herself to caring for children with autism. She retired from the Mecosta Osceola Intermediate School District, where she worked as a para-professional. Lucia's nurturing approach earned her the endearing title of "Friend" from the children she assisted. Her genuine care and patience enriched the lives of these students. Lucia's exceptional warmth extended beyond her professional life. She even often welcomed residents into her home, often including them in family dinners. Her inclusive nature exemplified her belief in the power of love and unity. Lucia's life was a testament to her deep and selfless care for others. Her memory will forever be cherished by those who had the privilege of experiencing her kindness. Lucia Hanson's legacy is one of love, kindness, and an unwavering commitment to family and friends. She will be dearly missed but remembered with love and fond memories by all whose lives she touched.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at Trinity Fellowship Evangelical Free Church, 15085 220th Avenue, Big Rapids, with William Routley officiating. A reception and luncheon to celebrate Lucia's life will follow at the church. Her family will greet friends on Tuesday, October 17, from 4-7 p.m., at the Mohnke Funeral Home in Big Rapids, and at the church after 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in Lucia's honor may be made to Mecosta-Osceola ISD, Mrs. Snyder's Classroom'. Checks made out to: Mecosta-Osceola ISD w/ 'Mrs. Snyder' in the memo. Mail to: Mecosta-Osceola ISD Attn: Steve Locke 15760 190th Ave Big Rapids, MI 49307. Share a memory or express condolences at [mohnkefuneralhome.com](http://mohnkefuneralhome.com).



## Tribute Wall

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CC

**Claudia Cameron** posted:

Lucia was an angel on earth who touched so many hearts. May precious memories be a source of comfort and peace. Sincere Sympathy & Prayers Bob & Claudia Cameron

October 21 at 8:00 PM

SL

**Sister Kathy Lange** posted:

Dear Ryan/Hanson family, I am so sorry about the death of Lucia. She is my cousin on my dad's side. Her mother Etta was a first cousin to my dad, Donald Lange. I was so saddened by all the physical troubles she has had during the past several year

October 19 at 8:00 PM

SB

**Sherri (Fry) Beam** lit a candle in honor of Lucia.

I have so many fond memories of Lucia and especially those from when I was growing up. Being from the Grant Center community you were neighbors with everyone, whether just across the field behind your house (Hansons are) or 5+ miles away. Whenever



October 17 at 8:00 PM

DH

**Deverille Huston** posted:

My condolences to all the family, but especially to her brother, Tom, and Charles on the loss of such a special person. DeVerille

October 17 at 8:00 PM

DF

**Deb Flores** posted:

Lucia was a special soul and is now reunited with her son. Rest in peace.

October 16 at 8:00 PM



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AT

**Amy & Tracy Tetzlaff** lit a candle in honor of Lucia.

Those we love must someday pass beyond our present sight... Must leave us and the world we know without their radiant light. But we know that like a candle, Lucia's lovely light will shine, to brighten up another place that's more perfect... more di



October 16 at 8:00 PM

MC

**Mk Crame** posted:

It has been my blessing to have Lucia in my life. She was the sister of Roseann Sapp who I worked with for many years. We formed a group of ladies into the Lunch Bunch and tried to meet as often as possible. With Lucia there was no subject that could not

October 16 at 8:00 PM

TT

**Tracy L Tetzlaff** posted:

"She's in the sun, the wind, the rain, she's in the air you breathe with every breath you take. She sings a song of hope and cheer, there's no more pain, no more fear. You'll see her in the clouds above, hear her whisper words of love; you'll b

October 16 at 8:00 PM

TH

**Tami Hull** posted:

Lucia had wonderful words of wisdom for me when my son died that helped me greatly! Prayers to the family!

October 16 at 8:00 PM

VA

**Vickie Azkoul** lit a candle in honor of Lucia.

I will always remember the special care and love she gave Aunt Shirley, they are rejoicing in Heaven with the Lord and other loved ones !!



October 16 at 8:00 PM



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MP

**Mike & Candie Poumade** posted:

Cousin Lucia was a truly special person. We will always cherish her sincere caring and fun loving personality. We fondly remember her contagious smile. Regret we cannot make it back at this time, but our prayers are with you Tom and the family.

October 16 at 8:00 PM

BK

**Barb (Crawford) Knight** posted:

What a loss of a sweet ,always smiling , beautiful lady!! She had a "Glow about her". I am so sorry for all of you Prayers for your comfort!!

October 16 at 8:00 PM

KH

**Kim Horvath** posted:

Lucia's love of life and others was always shown every day. She was a great inspiration to many and will be deeply missed. I will always remember Lucia's beautiful smile and calm ways of taking care of others. I was blessed to have worked with her while s

October 16 at 8:00 PM

GK

**Gloria Kazmarski** posted:

Lucia was for sure a very special Lady. May she find a healthy peace throughout her next adventure. May God Bless her family in this difficult time. Gloria.

October 15 at 8:00 PM

MJ

**Melissa Jensen** lit a candle in honor of Lucia.

Lucia was an absolutely amazing lady. Anytime I happened to see her was a gift. I will miss her dearly and am thinking of your family, which she cherished beyond measure.



October 15 at 8:00 PM



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NW

**Nancy (Ellis) Whittemore** lit a candle in honor of Lucia.

I have known Lucia for many years. A true and blessed friend always. She will be missed by many. R.I.P. Sweet Angle...

October 15 at 8:00 PM



PH

**Patty Hawley** posted:

Lucia was my para pro at moisd. I learned from her, we had fun and worked with students. Such a big heart, kindness. Rest in peace my friend. I so loved you

October 15 at 8:00 PM

MC

**Maria (Schohl) Cross** posted:

I'm very sorry for your loss Prayers for the family

October 15 at 8:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Lucia by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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