



Juanita LeFavor Butler

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Juanita Butler's life was remarkable, not only because she lived 104 years, but because she lived those years to the fullest. Born in 1915 to parents, Belle and Jerome Kiser, Juanita lived in Big Rapids during most of her school-age years.

However, in 1929, when Juanita was a freshman in High School, her family moved to Lakeview for a brief period. In that period she met Frederick Butler, the young man whom she would marry in 1933, after she graduated from Big Rapids High School. Fred worked for the owner of the Lakeview Enterprise, and in 1943, Fred and Juanita purchased the paper.

They both worked in the newspaper business, along with raising a family of 6 children - 1 son and 5 daughters. Juanita sold and set up ads, set up the linotype, proofed pages, folded and delivered papers. They owned and operated the paper until 1975 when Fred decided to 'retire' and they sold the paper to daughter Paula and her husband Clay Davis.

Both Juanita and Fred were active involved members of the Lakeview community all of their lives. Juanita joined the Lakeview United Church of Christ in 1955 and held many roles in the church over the years. In 1999, Juanita began serving as a Foster Grandparent at Lakeview Elementary, helping young people to read and write, spell, and with basic math skills.

EightCAP, the agency who operates the Foster Grandparent Program in Montcalm County, honored her as their 'Volunteer of the Year' in 2007. She was honored in 2009 as the Person of the Year for the American Red Cross, West Michigan Chapter, for her volunteerism since the 1960's.

In 1995, Juanita was one of a small group of people who believed Lakeview should have a Museum. She was a founding Board Member for the Museum, which opened in 1996, and Chaired the Board for 10 years during the development of the Museum. In 2012, the Lakeview Area Community Foundation honored Juanita with the 'Quality of Life Award' - a special honor which is given annually to a person who has made a special contribution in the community.



Obituary

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Juanita enjoyed gardening, playing cards, traveling, reading, baking, and making her signature handmade cards with pressed flowers. She will be remembered for her spirited approach to life by her six children, Ben (JoAnn) Butler, Udena Gay (Rick) Norton, Diana (Lyal) Norwood, Denise (George) Hubbard, Paula (Bob) Hampson, and Terri (Russ) Bush; twenty-four grandchildren, forty-four great grandchildren, and 30 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick Butler in 1983; parents, Jerome and Laura Kiser and Belle and Victor Abrahamson; brother, Kenneth Kiser; and grandchildren Tim Butler and Shelby Van Meer. A memorial visitation with the family will be held from 4-7 pm on Thursday, May 16 and the funeral service will be 1 pm Friday, May 17th.

Both events will take place at the Lakeview United Church of Christ, 115 W. Fifth Street, Lakeview, with Pastor Dave England officiating. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make memorial contributions to the United Church of Christ, Hospice of Michigan, or Lakeview Area Museum. More information is available online at www.brighamfuneralchapel.com



Tribute Wall

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November 17 at 2:05 PM

KB

Kasandra Butler posted:

I have started pressing flowers in attempt to make cards like all the beautiful handmade ones my great grandma Juanita used to make and send on birthdays. You live on in our hearts and memories!

April 29 at 8:00 PM

BR

Brenda lit a candle in honor of Juanita.



There really isn't enough room for me to talk about my Grandmother. She was my rock, when ever I needed to talk to someone she was there. She would tell me, say a prayer, give your problem to God, then let it go and let him take care of it. She said worrying was a sin and it got you no where. Her faith was so strong. I know where she is now, and she had been waiting to get there for a while. She was ready, although none of us were really ready for her to go. It's hard to lose those who are so beloved. I was lucky, I was able to go for a few years of staying a couple of weeks or so every other month maybe sooner, to stay with her. I have to say I learned so much from her, those last years of staying at her home in Lakeview. My husband was so kind and thoughtful to drive me up and drop me off so I could spend time with her. He said I should enjoy every minute I wouldn't have her forever. She was the only Grandmother he had known and she loved my Tom so. I remember playing rummy with her every evening before we went to bed. We were laughing one night so hard I was almost crying. I don't remember what got us going. All of a sudden I thought, I have to remember this moment I may not have many more.....she asked me what I was thinking I had the strangest look on my face. I told her she just laughed and said play cards. I'm glad I put that moment and so many others into my memory banks and my heart so that I can draw on them when thinking of her. Rest well Grandma. Tell everyone hello for me. I love you! Brenda

May 8 at 8:00 PM

KB

Karrie Brown lit a candle in honor of Juanita.



May 10 at 8:00 PM



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BR

Becky Race lit a candle in honor of Juanita.

May 10 at 8:00 PM



KB

Kasandra Butler posted:

For a great grandma to babysit four granddaughters was very brave of her. I will always remember the days spent at her house by the lake watching the ducks, painting rocks, going for walks, and playing cards. Grandma Butler taught me most of what I know of card games. Truly a blessing to have her in my life! I hope to be as great of a woman as she was.

May 9 at 8:00 PM

LB

Linda Baird lit a candle in honor of Juanita.

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JM

Judy Robinson-Mitchell lit a candle in honor of Juanita.

May 9 at 8:00 PM



VM

Victor Van Meer posted:

I remember Grandma working in yard and garden, but most of all sharing the hot cocoa in the winter time when she was working at the newspaper.

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HT

Helen Wikinson Taylor lit a candle in honor of Juanita.

Juanita Butler will be remembered as a kind and gentle lady.

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JO

Judy Olsen posted:

My prayers to all the family. I'm so sorry Paula. She was a wonderful lady.

May 9 at 8:00 PM

MB

Marilyn Bailey lit a candle in honor of Juanita.

My sympathy goes out to all the family. Prayers for you during this difficult time.

May 9 at 8:00 PM



NB

Nancy Molter-Butler posted:

That lady was and is a wonderful person. She was always very kind to me and my girls. She was a snazzy dresser. One dress in particular I really thought was absolutely beautiful. It had beautiful purple flowers on it. Gosh, did she look beautiful in it. She told me Fred didn't like her to wear purple. She looked gorgeous in it. She will surely shine in heaven.

May 9 at 8:00 PM

LJ

Lori Johnson posted:

The EightCAP Foster Grandparent Program and family was blessed with Grandma Butler's service to the program and community for many years. The lives she touched always remember the caring love she gave to each child. Juanita embodied National Service. Our thoughts are with the family.

May 9 at 8:00 PM

AG

Amber Goetz posted:

There are so many memories that involve my grandma. She didn't judge people, she was kind and honest. She is everything I hope to be. I remember the wooden marble shoot as a kid, her spoon Collection, all the hand made cards I've collected from her with pressed flowers. Her painted rocks. The dinners with wine, the 4 wheeler ride. Her always perfect appearance. This woman is amazing. She did it right. With much love and respect-amber goetz (Butler)

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Richard & Lisa Post lit a candle in honor of Juanita.



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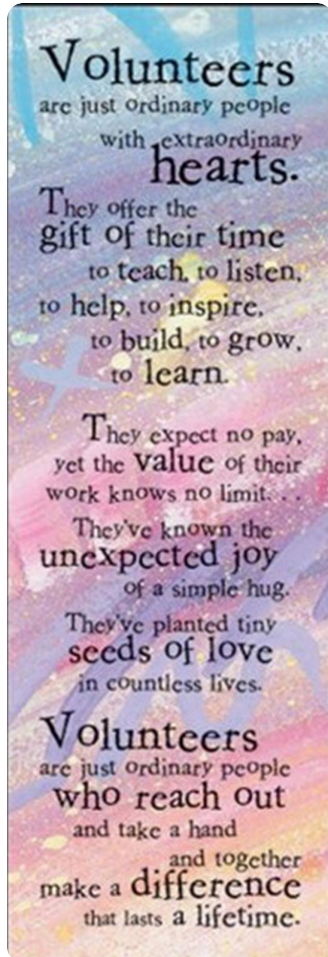
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Memories only last if you share them

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



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