



Jo Ann Pelkki

October 11, 1932 - July 24, 2023

JO ANN PELKKI

Saginaw, Michigan

Jo Ann passed away peacefully on Monday, July 24, 2023, under the care of Hoyt Nursing & Rehab Centre in Saginaw. She was 90 years old. Jo Ann (Robins) Pelkki was born on October 11, 1932, in Saginaw, to the late William Harold Robins and Ella Mary (Edmond) Robins.

A devoted homemaker, Jo began teaching at St. Andrews in 1971, and earned a Bachelor's degree from Saginaw Valley State College. She then began 25 years with the Saginaw Public Schools at North Intermediate, where she taught science and sex education. During this time, she earned a Master's degree from Central Michigan University. Jo eventually moved to Arthur Hill High School to first teach earth science and then moving into teaching chemistry. She finished her career in the Saginaw Public Schools as the science coordinator, providing lab activities for teachers throughout the school district.

Jo was an active member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, serving on the Altar Guild, taught Sunday school and Bible studies. She also made neighborhood evangelism visits. In her retirement, Jo tutored students, continued her Bible studies and was an active Quilt Guild participant. She regularly assisted her

daughter, Kathy, in craft fairs throughout the state.

Those surviving to cherish her memory are her children, Robin Pelkki, John (Pamela) Pelkki, Kathleen Pelkki, Matthew (Jane) Pelkki; her grandchildren, Kristen Pelkki (Sean) Squires, Benjamin (Tanya) Pelkki, Samuel Pelkki; her great grandchildren, Carter Squires, Evelyn Squires, Nicholas Pelkki, Baine Pelkki and Leo Pelkki; her sister, Mary English, and the late John English; her nephews, Joseph (Alicia) English and Joshua (Stephanie) English.

The Celebration of Jo's Life will be held 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 8, 2023, at Wakeman Funeral Home, 1218 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw. Friends are welcome to visit with the family from 10:00 a.m. until the time of her service. She will be laid to rest with her parents in Roselawn Memorial Gardens. Those planning an expression of sympathy may consider a donation to Saginaw Public Libraries, Humane Society of Saginaw County or Habitat for Humanity. Those wishing to express their memories and sympathies of Jo may share them on her memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

SEP 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.
1218 N. Michigan Ave.
Saginaw, MI 48602
(989) 752-8531
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Celebration of Life

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Committal Service

SEP 8. 3:00 PM (ET)

Roselawn Memorial Gardens
950 N. Center Rd.
Saginaw, MI 48638

Tribute Wall

MM

“ Melleretha Moses-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Pelkki



Melleretha Moses-Johnson - April 05, 2024 at 08:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Pelkki.



September 07, 2023 at 11:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Pelkki.



September 07, 2023 at 09:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jo Ann Pelkki.

September 07, 2023 at 09:49 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Pelkki.*



September 05, 2023 at 02:06 PM



“ *Pam, so sorry for your loss. Sincere Condolences to you and your Family. She was an amazing teacher-I was fortunate to be one of her students at Arthur Hill.*

Maria Vescio-Sian - September 04, 2023 at 08:05 PM



“ *What a dedicated servant of God! Jo Ann was a very special person to Judy and me, and her spirit and joy of sharing Jesus with others was unending and inspiring to all of us. Those evangelism calls gave us some great stories to share and remember! Our sadness at hearing of her passing is easily tempered by the joy of her soul's presence with Savior and the assurance that we will meet again in heaven through God's grace in Christ Jesus. I thank God for placing such a wonderful example for me at Holy Cross in my earliest years of ministry and rejoice that Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!*
Pastor Tim & Judy Huber
Pine Grove, CA

Rev. Tim Huber - July 27, 2023 at 12:45 PM

RP

“ 2 files added to the album Tribute Wall



Robin Pelkki - July 26, 2023 at 12:59 PM

MP

Jane and I have both those photos hanging in our home. The latter photo is from 1997 when mom was in Lexington to see her new grandson, Samuel.

Matthew Pelkki - August 01, 2023 at 05:28 PM

VG

“ Rest in peace, Jo. You were one of the best. Thank you for all of your support and kindness through the years.

Victoria Goodell - July 25, 2023 at 01:49 PM

KR

“ My sincerest condolences to the family. Mrs Pelkki was a terrific teacher. I enjoyed her classroom instructions about Earth science. Her teaching style made something that I had found boring into something I was fascinated about. She truly impacted my life.

Krista (Edlund) Rose - July 25, 2023 at 12:11 PM

RB

“ Rest in the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus, Jo. Judy and I remember her dedicated evangelism visits we did together in 1970's while I taught school at Holy Cross. Ralph Bergelin

Ralph Bergelin - July 24, 2023 at 11:13 PM