



Jean Wheaton Hopkins

September 3, 1925 - November 16, 2021

Jean Wheaton Hopkins was born Sep 3, 1925 in Ogdensburg, NY and died Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

In 1944, she graduated from Northfield Seminary for Young Ladies in Massachusetts and proceeded from there to nursing school in Rochester, NY during WWII. She decided on a career change and returned home to Ogdensburg, eventually graduating from Wallace Secretarial School. While in Rochester, on Oct 3, 1944 she went on a blind date, and met the love of her life, John Denison Hopkins. They continued their long-distance courtship and were married on Sep 14, 1946.

During their early married life, they resided in Rochester (NY) where they became parents. From there, John's career moved them to Racine (WI), Fort Wayne (IN) and Charlotte (MI). Throughout the years, Jean was involved in the Presbyterian Church as a deaconess, Sunday school teacher and/or choir member wherever they lived. While in Charlotte she was heavily involved in the fund raising for, and building of the Charlotte Library, and eventually became President of the library board. Jean spent her later years as a resident of Independence Village of Grand Ledge, where she continued to make friends and care for those around her.

Jean was predeceased by her husband, John Denison Hopkins; parents, Harry Monroe Wheaton and Sara Kahl Wheaton; siblings, Elaine Gray Miller

(Lloyd), Katharine Dillingham (James), Harry M Wheaton, Jr. (Doris) and Margorie Smith (Arthur); and great-grandson Damien Atreyu Clayton Huelskamp. She is survived by her children, John Denison Hopkins, Jr, and Jane Elizabeth Jandl (Mark); grandchildren, Sean Denison Rogan-Sanchez (Danielle), Jaclyn Louise Malm (Scott), and Sara Elizabeth Rogan; and great-grandchildren, Gage Joey Lennon Deaton, Lucille Sky Eve Bressie and Adeline Penny Sue Hartless.

Jean will be forever remembered as a loving mother, grandmother, aunt, and caring friend known for her kindness and generosity, especially for anything involving reading or music. That kindness touched many people throughout her life and she will be deeply missed by countless family, friends, neighbors and care givers.

Friends and family are encouraged to support Jean's family by sharing memories on her tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com. Private funeral services will take place at First Presbyterian Church of Lansing. Interment will take place in Maple Hill Cemetery in Charlotte. The service will be available to view on the funeral home website at www.prayfuneral.com after December 4, 2021. Memorial contributions are suggested to First Presbyterian Church of Lansing, 510 W Ottawa St, Lansing, MI 48933, of the Charlotte Community Library, 226 S Bostwick, Charlotte, MI 48813. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Jean Wheaton Hopkins*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 02, 2021 at 12:33 PM

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A great tribute to a wonderful lady who loved her family and friends with all her heart.

Bryan Hopkions - December 09, 2021 at 03:08 AM



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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 14, 2021 at 04:07 PM

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“ When I think about Aunt Jean I always think about visiting her and Uncle John over Thanksgiving and the wonderful Flinch card games we played. She was an avid flinch player who usually teamed up with one of my children to beat me. She was a wonderful Aunt and will be greatly missed. I know she is now in heaven with Uncle John- the love of her life.

Bryan Hopkions - December 09, 2021 at 03:13 AM



“ Adoration Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Jean Wheaton Hopkins.



December 01, 2021 at 01:22 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jean Wheaton Hopkins.



November 24, 2021 at 11:53 AM

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“ *The Charlotte Community Library family is saddened to hear of Jean’s passing, and grateful we can help celebrate her life. The whole community owes Jean and John a big “Thank you” for their hard work and dedication pushing forward to build the Library into what it is today. They were a driving force behind the move from the old Carnegie building to the present location. The library’s local history room is dedicated in their name. Their legacy will continue as future generations benefit from their vision.*

Charlotte Community Library staff and board



Charlotte Community Library - November 22, 2021 at 03:48 PM

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“ Jean’s passing saddens us greatly and we pass along our deepest sympathies to daughter Jane, son Jack and all the family.

John and Jean Hopkins first became friends of ours in the 1970’s in Charlotte. As time went forward they became not only the dearest of friends but also role models and mentors. Their dedication to their church they served in so many ways and dedication to their community through their tireless efforts on the library project set high standards for “paying it forward”. During the many years of friendship they helped us to expand our knowledge and appreciation of good literature, art, music and food to mention a few areas they enriched our lives. They both were true to the Christian values they held dear. We cherish the many memories of our time with them. They live on in our minds and hearts.

*Tom and Barbara Fulton
Sarasota, FL*

Tom Fulton - November 20, 2021 at 03:25 PM

BF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jean's passing. We send our sincere sympathy to her family at this sad time. David and I lived around the corner from Jean and John for several years; we were backyard neighbors. Jean was a kind, caring, talented, community-centered woman. It was a pleasure to spend an afternoon with Jean in conversation about many topics. After John passed away, David spent some time in the basement organizing John's hobbies and collections. We were able to visit her at Independence Village, but as life got busy, we let too much time slip by. And now it is too late!

I will always be thankful for the Hopkins' initiative in leading the drive to establish our current Charlotte Community Library. It is a gem in this community and I wish they could know the legacy they have left for all of us. When I see the commemorative plaque in the library with Jean and John's name, I smile.

Charlotte has lost a good citizen and we have lost a friend. Our condolences to all.

Brynda Filkins

Brynda Van Skike Filkins - November 20, 2021 at 11:30 AM