



## Joan Lee Hyatt

April 14, 1933 - April 19, 2025

Joan Lee Hyatt, 92, of Charlotte, formerly of Eaton Rapids and East Tawas, died peacefully on Saturday, April 19, 2025 in Lansing. Joan was born April 14, 1933 in Jackson, MI, the daughter of Donald and Mildred (Ruehle) Davison. Soon after graduated high school she married the love of her life, Maurice J. Hyatt on June 10, 1950 in Concord, MI. Maurice and Joan enjoyed 52 years together raising three children at home on the farm. Maurice was a calf roper on the rodeo circuit, and they would often host his fellow rodeo cowboys at their indoor arena. When they finished, Joan always had a hearty meal ready for the group. She loved to host and cook food for her family and friends. In fact, the Hyatt homestead was often a gathering place for fellowship and good food.

Although she loved being on the farm, Joan worked in several careers throughout her lifetime. In her early years, she and her sister would help their dad make road signs in his welding shop. She also worked in a factory in Jackson. She was a nurse's aide in Eaton Rapids at the hospital, and worked several years as a secretary for the Michigan State Employees Association.

Joan was most at peace in the outdoors, especially fishing on the Tawas Lake in East Tawas, where they lived for many years. She and her husband went bear hunting in the Upper Peninsula a few times, and loved travelling, especially in mountains out West. Joan also loved playing the piano. She was

a woman of deep Faith, and was a devout member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses for over 70 years.

Joan is survived by her son, Steven (Diana) Hyatt of East Tawas, MI; daughters, Linda (Dave) Siple of Eaton Rapids and Tamara (William) Otis of Charlotte; 10 grandchildren, Ben (Melissa) Hyatt, Jeff (Katie) Whitaker, Stacey (Gary) Meyer, Becky (Frank) Purny, David (Susan) Siple, Jarred (Katina) Siple, Stephen Otis, Christa (Lee) Hude, Justin (Tina) Otis, and Jamie (Ray) Goheen; 19 great-grandchildren; brother, Jim (Jan) Squires; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Maurice; sister, Jackie Williams-Kasten; and her parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Joan's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2025 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses located at 40 N. Chester Rd., Charlotte, MI 48813. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Charlotte. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness  
40 N. Chester Road  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sending our condolences from the staff at ECHRS*

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**ECHRS** - April 23, 2025 at 08:40 AM

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“ *Peace be with you sweet Joan.  
Always gracious and kind.  
Jan Squires*

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**Jan Squires, Sister-in-law** - April 21, 2025 at 11:01 PM

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*My name is Laura and I am a registered nurse. I had the opportunity to care for Joan and get to know her for a little over a year, and in that short time, she made such a beautiful impression upon my heart.*

*Joan was such a loving and caring person, and she always put up with my crazy shenanigans, like me singing her name in a terrible, fake opera-singer voice when I saw her in the hallway. She would always respond by singing back, also in an opera-esque way, but adding a fake English accent as well.*

*I am so very grateful that I had the opportunity to get to know both Joan and her family. She will be missed, and the world is a little less bright without her. Rest peacefully, Joan.*

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**Laura Doss** - April 22, 2025 at 09:45 AM