



## Joyce Howe

December 17, 1941 - December 30, 2022

Joyce Ann Howe, age 81, of Zeeland, MI, formerly of Lansing MI passed away on Friday, December 30, 2022, in the comfort of her home. Joyce was born December 17, 1941, the daughter of Leo and Leona (Decker) Hewitt. She lived a Faith-filled life of devotion to her church and her family. Joyce was known as the consummate host of gatherings, both at church and with her family. She and her late husband, John, were often caretakers. They cared for their aging parents, and other family members, often taking them into their home. Joyce also loved animals and would adopt any stray as a well-loved and cared-for pet.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, John E. Howe. She is survived by 2 daughters, Janet (Mark) Wolfe and Julia (John) Whipple; 5 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and her brother, Lester (Karen) Hewitt.

Friends are encouraged to support Joyce's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Visitation will be from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at the funeral home. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com), click on Joyce's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smartphone). If desired, the

family suggests memorial contributions to Spectrum Hospice. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 3. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Joyce Howe*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 04, 2023 at 09:09 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Joyce Howe*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 02, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ 33 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 02, 2023 at 11:32 PM

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“ From Ruth Ann - I feel that Joyce led a very generous, caring, loving life. I can't seem to put it into one word..

*We certainly had a lot of fun times together. When we were growing up, I remember going to her house to visit for a few days. I always looked forward to those times. If it weren't for her, I never would have met my late husband, Jim. There's a little story that goes along with that. When I think of Joyce, I think of the laughter we shared. I think of the silliness and fun times that two cousins, who were also great friends, shared. In our later years it's been mostly phone calls and I will miss them. Joyce was, and is, a Godly woman. And I know she's safely in his arms now.*



Mark Wolfe - January 02, 2023 at 11:50 AM

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“ From Lester- As a child Joyce was my protector. My kindergarten teacher was eventually fired for being abusive to her students; I was one of them. Joyce and her teacher worked it out so I could come to her class, when I was scared, and sit with my big sister at her desk. It meant so much to me to have her care and protection.

Joyce and I called each other a least once a week. We enjoyed our conversations very much. She always expressed great caring for family and a deep abiding faith in Jesus.

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Mark Wolfe - January 02, 2023 at 08:59 AM

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“ From Heather - She was a Grandma!! She always made sure you were fed! Whether you wanted it or not! No matter the time or what she was doing she'd make you food if you wanted it!

Always up for a road trip! I know her happiest times were camping at the lake or up north with all the grandkids, taking us to Disney, or coming down to pick us up or bring us to her house!

Grandma loved all her grandkids and she especially loved doing things with them wether is what is swimming in the pool, making a huge slip and slid in the back yard, taking us to chuckie cheese, letting us roll down the big hill by the swamp.

I asked the girls and Hannah and Sophie said they loved her hugs and kisses! Hannah also said loved her white hair! 🍷

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Mark Wolfe - January 02, 2023 at 08:57 AM

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“ From Caleb - When I think of grandma I think of s'mores, specifically one time we couldn't get the fire pit started for whatever reason and we roasted them over the stove. And I frequently associate her with her fires: campfires, their little bonfire pit, their fireplace. She was such a lovely, warm, and comfy person. She loved purely and wholly. She treated just about everyone as family and welcomed them with open arms, if not outright demanding hugs from everyone. She loved cracking jokes and was our “party animal”, always joking with me about drinking and partying even though she never drank. If she broke her hip it was because she was partying too hard. Headache? She was hungover. Such a bright light in all of our lives and we'll have to work twice as hard to keep half as much levity and joy that she put out into the world. She also loved reminiscing about floating around in the inner tube with me in their pool. We'd just float around, coz I was scared of the deep end, and sing songs and probably tell jokes.

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**Mark Wolfe** - January 02, 2023 at 08:56 AM

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“ From Nelda - Joyce and John were a Very Special Couple and we were all like family. Loved them both dearly.

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**Mark Wolfe** - January 02, 2023 at 08:55 AM

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“ From Karen Kundrat - I always remember Joyce as a kind lady whenever I come to visit her daughter Julie. She always shows that friendly smile.

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**Mark Wolfe** - January 02, 2023 at 08:54 AM

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“ From Lee - Joyce was a very nice lady who always wanted to know how I was doing and anything new with in life every time I got to see her she will be missed

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**Mark Wolfe** - January 02, 2023 at 08:53 AM

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“ See says - Joyce was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever met. She was always so kind to me and genuine. I was so very lucky to have known her.

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**Mark Wolfe** - January 02, 2023 at 08:51 AM

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*From Dee*

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**Mark Wolfe** - January 02, 2023 at 08:52 AM

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“ Joyce, my mother in law, went home to be with Jesus last night. We will be celebrating her life and home going in a few days. Please share any memories of her or a one word description of her life.

*For me hospitality comes to mind. Joyce was always caring for someone. From grandma Hewitt to her mom. And numerous youth group parties. She reminds me of Mary and Maratha every time these two ladies where mentioned in the Bible they were hosting Jesus in there house. I can see Joyce hosting Jesus right now.*

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**Mark Wolfe** - January 02, 2023 at 08:48 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Howe.*



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January 01, 2023 at 06:17 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joyce Howe.*



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January 01, 2023 at 05:01 PM