



# **Mrs. Joanne K. Hatch**

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**J**oanne K. Hatch, 75, passed away Friday evening, April 11, in Muskegon. She was born October 8, 1938 to Monte and Susan (Dunscombe) Greer in Flint, and moved to the Whitehall area from Grosse Pointe in 1971.

Joanne and Mac owned three marinas on White Lake and Joanne spent more than 15 years in the boat covering business. In 1976 she took a job with the County of Muskegon as the Training and Job Placement Coordinator for the Department of Employment and Training. In 1982 Joanne went to work for the Muskegon Chamber of Commerce, becoming the President by 1988. She moved back to the County of Muskegon in 1992 as the Administrative Assistant for the County Administrator and stayed in this position until 1998 when she became the Tourism Development Director for the County of Muskegon. Joanne was instrumental in the Tall Ships Challenge event bringing numerous Tall Ships to Muskegon County as one of the most successful tourism related activities at Heritage Landing. Working with other neighboring communities, state agencies and organizations Joanne established a solid foundation for the successful tourism plans that Muskegon enjoys today.

Joanne possessed a certain quality to elicit a “Yes” answer from everyone she encountered and operated on the belief that others would respond as enthusiastically as she did. Over the years, numerous organizations benefited from Joanne’s business connections and ability to get the job done. These organizations included Muskegon Civic Theatre, West Shore Symphony, Michigan Irish Music Festival, and many others. One closest to Joanne’s heart was the Howmet Playhouse. Joanne was instrumental and worked tirelessly to raise funds and awareness to support Whitehall’s historic Howmet Playhouse.

She was most proud of her children and grandchildren, was an avid reader, an excellent seamstress and had an outstanding memory for names and details.

Survivors include her husband Mac; 2 children, Greer Darby of Swartz Creek, Edward “Ted” (Julie) Hatch of Bell Brook, OH; 5 grandchildren, Garrett Darby, Samantha Hatch, Elizabeth



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(Matt) Slagle, Jacob and Tyler Hatch; 2 great-grandchildren, Grace and Myia Slagle; 2 brothers, Mark Greer, James (Michelle) Greer; and 1 sister, Delmar (Richard) Kruger. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 PM Saturday, April 19, at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc., 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, 49444, (231) 798-1100 with Pastor John H. Brown officiating. A time of gathering with the family will be from 1-3 PM Saturday. You may visit the family's online guestbook at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com) In lieu of flowers, Joanne's family requests any donations in her memory be directed to the Howmet Theater Fund City of Whitehall.



# Events

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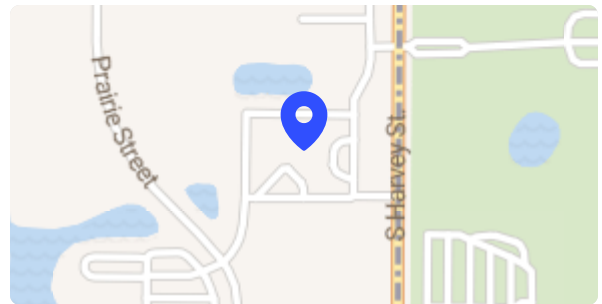
## Visitation

**Saturday**, April 19, 2014

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

**Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



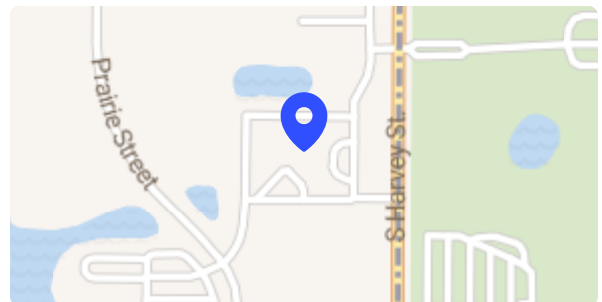
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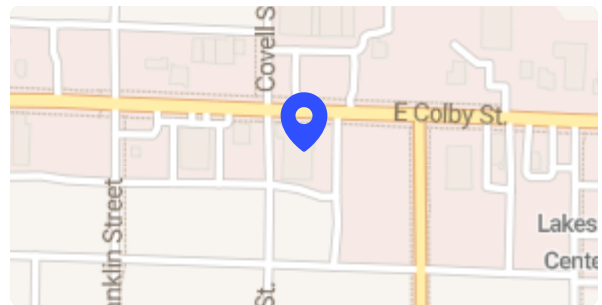
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## Cemetery Details

**Oakhurst Cemetery**

Colby Street @ Peterson Rd, Whitehall MI 49461





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**Harbor Hospice** posted:

We send our sincere sympathy to your family. We are here to support you in your time of loss – today and for as long as you need us. – The Staff of Harbor Hospice.

April 18 at 6:11 AM

BS

**Bill Schkade** posted:

Mac and Family, My sympathy to you and your family. May God be with you as you endure the painful loss of Joanne Bill Schkade

April 17 at 3:26 PM

AF

**Andy Fink** posted:

A warm smile, a quick wit, and an enthusiasm for life despite her crippling strokes. Joanne was both a friend and an inspiration. Andy Fink

April 16 at 10:55 AM

AP

**Ann Putnam** posted:

Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. I will always remember the good times in Texas when I came to visit. Thanks so much for having me. I am so glad I had the opportunity to spend some time with Joanne and get to know her. Love, hugs and blessings from Texas. Annie Putnam

April 15 at 7:06 PM

DS

**Dennis Sruba** posted:

Dear Mac and family, Joanne was always a good friend and once you were her friend she was a live-long friend. She will be missed by the entire community. Dennis Sruba and Heather Polley

April 15 at 3:52 PM



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**Ken Austin** posted:

Mac and family, We send our love and sympathy for all of you. Mac, you always were such a great caregiver and we remember the good times we all had in TX and the lunches at Trout St. Ken & Shirley

April 15 at 11:04 AM



**Yvonne Essex** posted:

Mac & Family-We are very sorry for the loss of such a wonderful person. She was truly a treasure. We always looked forward to seeing her out at the local restaurants and having her still make us laugh. You are very blessed to have had her in your lives. Yvonne & Bruce Essex

April 15 at 7:26 AM



**Annie Putnam** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Hatch family.



April 14 at 6:20 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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