



Miriam "JoAnne" Bont

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Miriam "Joanne" Bont, 85, passed away early Tuesday morning, June 23, 2015 in Muskegon. JoAnne was born January 14, 1930 to Lewis and Ruth (Douglass) Votaw in Bear Lake, MI, and moved to the Muskegon area. She was a teacher at Muskegon Heights and Orchard View Schools. JoAnne enjoyed doing crafts, dolls, china painting, sewing and traveling. She is survived by her brother, Lewis (Carol) Votaw, Jr. of S. Carolina. There will be no services for JoAnne. Burial will take place at Norton Cemetery. You may visit her online guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com Arrangements by The Sytsema Chapel, 737 Apple Ave., (231) 726-5210.



Tribute Wall

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SL

Sendee Layman lit a candle in honor of Miriam.



June 27 at 1:57 PM

SL

Sendee Layman posted:

You will be missed by many people. I loved you very much. Thanks for all you have done for me over many years. you were a wonderful step-mom I always share a lot of memories with my best friend Sendee layman. She wishes she had got to meet you yrs ago. God Bless the Family, Sendee layman ,Marion Indiana Pat Sandoval. Gymon, Oklahoma.

June 27 at 1:55 PM

MO

Meredith Van Oordt posted:

JoAnne's many advanced degrees attest to the fact that she was brilliant. She was a talented artist and inspired crafter. She was our mother's best friend, sharing joy and heartache thru decades. She helped guide us through our darkest hours and we came out stronger with her help. JoAnne was loving and caring, giving and forgiving, passionate and compassionate, accepting and supportive. She took care of her parents as they aged and their health failed. She went to Missouri to do the same for her aunt. She truly understood and appreciated the help, the sacrifices and the love shown to her by Janet W. and Diane V.A true Lady, JoAnne, lived her life guided by her love of God and her Christian values. We should all strive to live as she did, with humility and grace. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who loved her and will miss her. Louise Thomas's girls, Judith Hosler (Denver, CO), Meredith Van Oordt Spring Lake, MI and Anna Collis (Los Alamos, N.M.)

June 27 at 5:55 AM

LM

Lisa Mayette shared an album called **New Album Name**.



June 24 at 1:07 PM



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Lisa Mayette posted:

Grandma Jo was a blessing to me. I an extremely lucky to be the proud grand daughter of Elsworth Bont. I can not state how much of an influence Grandma Jo was with the development of my character. Any body who knew her was blessed to have had her in their life. My family was both changed and blessed to have her take a role in our direction and faith. I am grateful that the Lord was generous enough to share such a giving, honest and loving spirit with me and my family. Prayers to all that were given her love.

June 24 at 1:00 PM



Lisa Mayette shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.

June 24 at 1:07 PM



Grandma Jo made this 1988.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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