



# Jovita Cox

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**J**ovita Cox, age 86, with family at her side, peacefully passed away at home early Tuesday morning, following a short illness. She was born in Papaikou, Hawaii on February 15, 1925 to Simeon and Bibiana (Nasibog) Sarme. She married Howard J. Cox in Hawaii on July 1, 1952 and moved to Muskegon in 1954. Jovita was a talented musician and for many years played piano at many of West Michigan's favorite night spots as well as performed with the Sweet Adeline's. She was later employed at the Mona Lake Boating Club where she introduced its annual luau and continued to be a lifelong member. Jovita was a knowledgeable and avid gardener and an outstanding cook. She was a member of the St. Mark Lutheran Church and is survived by her: husband, Howard; six children, Dr. Audrie Reaver in Norway, Jamie Ireland of Norton Shores, James (Debbie) Cox of Norton Shores, David Cox of Hilo, Hawaii, Donald Cox of Boulder, CO and Rev. Ronald (Hoan) Cox of Stony Lake, MI; two brothers, Joseph and Manuel Sarme both of Hawaii; two sisters, Mary Kagawa and Susie Aranado of Hawaii; 12 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by: her parents; two brothers, Elias & Don and a son-in-law, Roger Ireland this past March.



# Events

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## Visitation

 **Saturday**, November 5, 2011

 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

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

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Jamie, we are so sorry for your loss...we are sorry we weren't able to be there with you, we were UP North when we got the message...your Mom is with God now and at Peace....she is in our prayers. Judy and Lan###imported-begin##Lanny and Judy Durnell###imported-end##

November 6 at 1:49 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My deepest sympathy on the passing of Jovita to her family. I have many fond memories of Jo, singing with my mom (Caroline), spending time at her house...the pig roast and the luau at the Boat Club. She was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Gayle (Hansen) Weesies###imported-end##

November 6 at 5:32 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

When I think of "Aunt Jo" I can't help but smile. I have such fond memories growing up at Stony Lake, Brookside Dr., & Churchill Dr. When she saw me she would call me "Cin....dy Sue" with her sing songie voice. The best word to describe her is FUN. She had so much energy and never met a stranger. I too was one of her Hula students! She will be missed. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Cindy Hoekenga Dean###imported-end##

November 6 at 2:46 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I first met the Cox family when Jamie and I were in confirmation together, and then when Jim, Jamie and I all went to school together. It was an honor to have known Jo for so many years, first during our times hanging out at the MLBC and working on the Luau, and then later when we all became close friends, and you made me feel like part of your family. You will be greatly missed Jo. My girls called her "grandma Jo" and they didn't know that they weren't her biological grandkids!! You are all in my thoughts and prayers. My love to you all. Pam Holmes###imported-begin##Pam Holmes###imported-end##

November 5 at 12:09 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

We are so sorry for the passing of Jim's mother. She will always be remembered for her participation in all the Mona Lake Boat Club entertainment. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Bob and Kathy Martin##imported-end##

November 4 at 5:19 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

You have my deepest sympathy, sorry will not be able to attend the service, just wanted to let you know I am thinking of you.Mark##imported-begin##Mark and Kathy Bowmaster##imported-end##

November 4 at 1:15 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

When I saw Jo recently at the hospital she had a smile on her face and seemed to recognize me. That brought back many memories of the times our families spent together. I know this is a time of sorrow but as I write this I can't help but have a smile on my face as I remember her infectious laugh. We'll miss you Jo.##imported-begin##Jeff Schneider##imported-end##

November 4 at 1:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

When I saw Jo at the hospital recently she had a smile on her face and seemed to recognize##imported-begin##Jeff Schneider##imported-end##

November 4 at 12:51 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I will miss seeing her in Church when she visited to hear her Son preach. I'm sure now she is at peace and watching over all the family.Gods BlessingsJan and Herb##imported-begin##Jan & Herb Schomberg Members Lighthouse Lutheran Church##imported-end##

November 4 at 11:04 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I have great memories of when I was a little kid and Jo was the neighbor lady who made me feel so important. I remember making bouquets for my teacher in her garden. She taught me to do the hula.##imported-begin##Judy Anderson Braden##imported-end##

November 4 at 5:31 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our Sympathies to the Jo Cox Family. We have fond memories of Jo from the MLBC. We enjoyed the luau.Gene & Barbara Greenwood##imported-begin##Gene & Barbara Greenwood##imported-end##

November 4 at 4:59 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

WE WILL MISS OUR BELOVED JOVITA SHE WAS ALWAYS A JOY TO BE WITH. ALWAYS A SMILE ON HER FACE. JO WAS THE FIRST PERSON WE MET WHEN WE PURCHASED A CONDO AT OCEAN VILLAGE, FORT PIERCE FLA. WE LIVED ON TOP FLOOR AND HOWARD AND JO BELOW US ON FIRST FLOOR. JO AND ARLINE MY WIFE WERE STEADFAST FRIENDS. IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE THAT SHE IS NO LONGER WITH US. SHE WILL BE MISSED DEARLY. GOD BLESS JO AND OFCOURSE HOWARD. WITH LOVE AND TEARS SAL AND ARLINE DI SALVO##imported-begin##SAL AND ARLINE DI SALVO##imported-end##

November 3 at 5:47 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

So many fun memories..at the Mona Lake Boat Club..all the fun times and the kids Christmas parties and at the Holiday Inn when you were singing and playing the piano. Way too many times and years to count. My deepest sympathy to everyone in your family. You were a very special lady and you will be deeply missed. Rest In Peace little one. Aloha##imported-begin##Betty Hornby##imported-end##

November 3 at 4:37 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Viewing Auntie's picture and obituary is very powerful and tear-jerking. I spent the day (Nov. 1) with Mom Mary so we could comfort each other in the loss of our loved one. Mom named all of the family and close friends Aunt Jo is now entertaining and they're all having a reunion. We send our love and aloha to all of you and know that you are in our hearts and prayers. "A hui hou" Aunt Jo.##imported-begin##Claudette (Kagawa) Moreno##imported-end##

November 3 at 9:38 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

So many wonderful memories of Jo when I was younger with all her children. Her big heart, kindness and constant smile were an inspiration to me. She will be sadly missed. My sincerest sympathies to all of you. You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Connie VanBemmelen VanDeKoppel##imported-end##

November 3 at 9:26 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Jo is no longer frustrated and suffering, and you know that, but still it is so very difficult to say good-bye. I am so sorry that you all must suffer through your loss, especially so after losing Roger so recently. I will continue to pray for you all, for God's comforting arms to surround you and give you peace. With loving memories of Jovita, and the many good family times with Russ & Marge, Tom & Polly and Howard & Jo.##imported-begin##Laurel Schneider Shugars##imported-end##

November 3 at 4:51 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sorry for your loss. We will miss her.##imported-begin##Sharon Gabris (Brazzale)##imported-end##

November 2 at 1:17 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My deepest sympathy on the loss of your Mother. You are in our prayers and thoughts during this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##James N. Westover Family##imported-end##

November 2 at 2:46 AM



# **Memories only last if you share them**

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