



## Joan E. Seabrook

April 25, 1917 - February 20, 2013

Joan E. Seabrook died February 20, 2013 at the Lighthouse of Brookfield at the age of 95 from complications of Alzheimer's disease. She was born April 25, 1917 at Keystone, the daughter of William H. Dill and Jennie J. McEwan, a Grand Traverse pioneer family and the founders of Dill's Restaurant. On October 20, 1950, she married Robert E. Seabrook who preceded her in death in 1955. She is survived by her son, Dr. Gary R. (Nancy) Seabrook and a grandson, William H. Seabrook, of Elm Grove, Wisconsin.

She graduated from Traverse City High School and the Louis Chapin Business School. In her early professional career she was a secretary for the Grand Traverse County Prosecuting Attorney, and was employed for 15 years at the Michigan Mutual Auto Insurance Company. She retired in 1985 from the Traverse City Public Schools as Secretary to the Principal of the Junior High School.

A lifelong member of the First Congregational Church, she served as a Sunday School teacher, Church Council Secretary and a member of the Board of Trustees. She was a Cub Scout Den Mother and a leader of the PTA at Willow Hill School. Volunteer service was provided for many summers at Camp Roy-EI, and for 10,000 hours at the Munson Medical Center Auxiliary. She was a devoted gardener.

Funeral services will be held at the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home on Monday, February 25, at 11:00 AM. The family will greet friends at 10:00 AM. Burial will take place at Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Northwestern Michigan College Foundation.

Kindly sign Joan's online guestbook at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

# Cemetery

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## Oakwood Cemetery

1325 East Eighth Street  
Traverse City, MI, 49686

# Events

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**FEB** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home  
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

# Comments

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“ Dear Gary, It was always a great comfort and pleasure to the teaching staff at Jr. High to know that your dear mother was at her post - sitting at her desk with great confidence as she "directed all of us" from her command post. She was a wonderful woman whom we all appreciated. She was so proud of you as were all the teachers who were fortunate enough to have you as a student. I did not have that pleasure. Please know there are many good thoughts and remembrances happening right now in Traverse City. May your wonderful memories be a comfort for you at this time.  
Irene Brown, retired teacher TCAPS - jr. high

**IRENE BROWN** - February 26, 2013 at 10:32 AM

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“ Dear Gary and Family, I was in activities of the First Congregational Church, with your Mom, many years back. A wonderful person to be with. Through the years I had the pleasure of hearing of her new home through Phyllis Chipman. Both now have passed on. My deepest sympathy is with all her family.  
Beulah Sigsbey, Traverse City, MI.

**Beulah Sigsbey** - February 25, 2013 at 08:13 AM

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“ Dear Gary,  
Please accept my condolences on the loss of your mother. I remember when you were my chemistry student and she worked at what is now TC Central HS. I regret my wife, Anne, is now three years into a similar diagnosis. As one ages a whole new series of complications is available but one doesn't get to choose. A-Fib and CHF are my latest new ones.  
Your mother set an example for all parents and your success is proof of her superior abilities. The lady who passed away was but a shadow of her former self and we choose to remember the gracious, loving, and beautiful person she was.  
Adam Gahn

**Adam Gahn** - February 24, 2013 at 06:17 PM

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“ Hard to believe it's been 30 years since Mrs. Seabrook, Skip, Mary and Renee welcomed me into my new School "family" at the TC Junior High. She helped me get to the know the neighborhood there and made me feel very welcome.

Dennis Halverson

**Dennis Halverson** - February 24, 2013 at 04:12 PM