



## Katharine L. Hanchett

April 1, 1935 - March 20, 2020

Katharine Lucille (Crain) Hanchett, 84, passed away Friday, March 20, 2020, while on vacation in Pharr, Texas. She was born in Traverse City, April 1, 1935, the daughter of Julius and Arduis (Widrig) Crain. She was proud to say she was a descendant of a Grand Traverse Area early settler.

On August 27, 1955, Katharine married Joseph Miles Hanchett, who survives, and together they raised their four children, David (Deb) Hanchett, Sandra (Stan) Thompson, Jean (Richard) Carmien, and Debra (Donald) Wilcoxon, all who survive her. She will be missed by her grandchildren, C.J. Carmien, Greg Thompson, Brian Carmien, Paul (Sarah) Wilcoxon, Dana Thompson, Mark (Zenda Lasao) Hanchett, Nick (Ashley Combs) Hanchett, Josh (Randi Jo) Wilcoxon, Kyle (Nicki Lindahl) Carmien, Jason (Tiffany) Gee, Jennifer (Beau) Diehl, Andrew (Amanda) Wilcoxon, Alisa (John) Forton and Juliana Thompson. Her sixteen great grandchildren brought her extreme joy. Katharine was welcomed to heaven into the loving arms of her granddaughters, Kiersten Carmien and Kristy Hanchett and by her baby brother Kenneth Crain.

Katharine was devoted to her family and friends. Her love and kindness shown through in everything she did. She was God's behind the scenes servant; providing for those in need within her family, at church, and in the community. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Traverse City for over 60 years.

Katharine and Joe enjoyed their travels visiting numerous states and countries. They spent many years Square Dancing with the Buttons & Bows. She worked at the bookstore at Northwestern Michigan College and later at Coddington Cleaners. She belonged to the Eat A Lot Talk A Lot Club and if you knew her you knew how appropriate this was. She was known for her garage sale prowess and bargain shopping finds.

Contributions in her memory may be made to First Christian Church, Sound System, 3686 South Airport Road W, Traverse City, Michigan 49684.

Katharine has been laid to rest at Memorial Gardens in Traverse City. Services are

planned for the Summer of 2020.

Katharine and her family have been in the care of Legacy Chapels in Edinburg, Texas and Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services. You may visit Katharine's tribute page at [www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com](http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com).

# Comments

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“ We met Katharine and Joe 30+ years ago at square dance lessons. Katharine was always friendly and informative. She will be missed. Thoughts and prayers to Joe and the family!!

**Joyce Ritchey** - March 26 at 01:06 PM



“ Such a lovely lady and wonderful couple. Katharine will be missed by many. I have known her for years - way back when I was a teenager at First Christian Church. Katharine was always so friendly. She would always tell everyone that I sang at her wedding. So blessed to know her. My deepest sympathy to Joe and all the family. -Marlene McCuen Curtiss

**Marlene Curtiss** - March 26 at 10:52 PM



“ My late wife, Anne, and I truly enjoyed Katharine and Joe as they helped us learn to square dance. My prayers are with all K's family at this time. God Bless All.

**Adam Gahn** - March 27 at 09:47 AM



“ I remember Katharine from First Christian Church. As a child they were always there to do and or help in anyway they could. Katharine would be in the kitchen when we had family night dinners at the church. When I saw them recently walking in to First Christian Church I knew I had to talk to them. They bring back good memories. Katharine will be missed. My heart goes out to Joe and their family. - Alice (Lile) Underwood

**Alice Underwood** - March 28 at 09:18 AM



“ I met Katharine at NMC in the bookstore before I knew she would be my sister's mother in law. She always had a smile and kind word for me. She will be missed/ Don and barb Gurn

**Don Gurn** - March 29 at 07:48 AM



“ I remember how Katharine would always give me words of encouragement or corrections to my mistakes as I would be preparing coffee and communion before the weekly church services. She would always bring a smile to my face and a joy to my heart with her gentle ways. We miss you Katharine.

David and Jodie Crawford

**David** - March 30 at 02:58 PM