



Mabelle "Mae" Chance

September 30, 1920 - January 3, 2020

Mabelle Irene Beales Chance (Mae), passed away peacefully on January 3, 2020 at Orchard

Creek Supportive Care. She was born on September 30, 1920 in Detroit, Michigan, only child of

William Harry and Irene Rieden Beales.

Mabelle always spoke of a happy childhood in Detroit with many friends and relatives. She graduated from Western High in 1938, after which she attended U of Southern California and

later Wayne State University. She earned a B.A in Education and later an M.A in Special Education. Mabelle started her teaching career in Birmingham, Mi, and later taught for many

years in the Detroit Public Schools. Her last 16 years in Education were spent teaching Special

Ed as well as developing Special Ed curriculum for the Detroit Public Schools. In addition to

teaching, she and her husband were very active as volunteers for the Detroit Association for

Retarded Citizens.

Whenever Mabelle had free time, she loved to be around water. She and her husband built a

home on East Bay (Lake Michigan) in 1979, and enjoyed lake living throughout their retirement

years.

She loved to travel and had many interesting adventures. They included a trip to the Orient,

travel throughout Europe, as well as various destinations across the United States. Many winters were spent in Clearwater Beach, Florida, a favorite vacation spot.

She is survived by her son Randolph, daughter Claudia (Warren Jones), three grandchildren,

and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph H.

Chance

Jr., son Joseph H. Chance III, and grandson Aaron Chance.

Arrangements are being handled by Reynolds-Jonkhoff funeral home. An online memorial website is located at reynolds-jonkhoff.com. A private family ceremony will be held at a later

date. Burial at Ogdensburg Cemetery, Traverse City, Michigan.