



Marilyn Louise Wetherbee

August 25, 1922 - October 28, 2015

Northport – Marilyn Louise Wetherbee, 93, of Northport passed away at home with her family by her side on October 28.

Marilyn was born on August 25, 1922 to Benjamin and Margaret (Shook) Sharp in Elkhart, IN. She married Jim Wetherbee on September 8, 1945.

She moved to Northport in 1972 and devoted the next 18 years to teaching 3rd grade at Northport Public School. Marilyn had two life passions: teaching and her family. Upon her retirement she enjoyed traveling and spending time with her husband and family.

She is survived by her husband of 70 years, Jim; daughter Susan (Samy) Yassa of Alexandria, Egypt; sons Thomas (Debra) of Northport, Stephen (Char Bickel) of Northport, 5 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

As per Marilyn's wishes cremation has taken place. The family will hold a private memorial service at a later date.

Please consider a memorial contribution in Marilyn's name to ShareCare of Leelanau, 7401 East Duck Lake Road, #600, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653-8701.

Comments



“ Marilyn had a glow that made us feel loved and valued in her presence. We were blessed to know her. Thinking of you all and wishing you years of lovely memories.
Kathy and Gene Garthe

Kathy Garthe - October 31, 2015 at 08:37 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to all of your family on your tremendous loss and my heart goes out to you as you go through this journey. Your mom was an amazing teacher, calm, gentle, patient, kind and nurturing. We moved from Detroit to Omena in 1972 and she was my first teacher in Northport, her first year teaching there, as well. I remember being anxious, scared, sad, lonely, etc., as a result of the major changes in my life; she recognized that immediately and went above and beyond, using our mutual newcomer status to develop a connection. I recall her talking to me about how hard it was to be new, to adjust to a new school, teachers, and classmates, how she was feeling worried and nervous, too, and that we were in this together and would help each other through it. I remember inadvertently calling her "Mom" once and the rest of the class laughing at me; I was mortified and cried. She talked to me privately later and told me that students calling her mom has happened other times and was not a big deal. She said that she was happy that I had made that mistake because it meant that I was comfortable in her classroom and with her and that she was honored to be my "school mom". She supported my social and emotional development during a very difficult transition and was truly a powerful, uplifting influence in my life. As a school social worker, I continue to use her phrase "school mom" with my students, many of whom need a little extra emotional support, encouragement, advocacy, nurturing and unconditional positive regard that she provided to each of her students. She was truly an awesome, amazing, and inspiring teacher, a humble, gracious caretaker of children's minds and hearts.

Jenni Singer Orsello - October 30, 2015 at 06:53 PM



“ Jenni, thanks so much for this showing us Marilyn as a loving and nurturing teacher. We course never doubt for a minute she was any other way, but it was lovely to hear how she reached out to you.

Deb Wetherbee - October 31, 2015 at 04:32 PM



“ Thanks for sharing such lovely pictures of such a special lady. She impacted many people with her gracious ways and even more by touching children's lives. Thinking of the whole family; special thoughts to Jim.
The Connollys

Jeremy Connolly - October 30, 2015 at 06:36 PM



“ I send my deepest sympathies to all of your family. As my mom passed away in May, I know the sorrow and loss you feel. Your mom was a wonderful person that touched so many lives. I still remember having her as my Third Grade teacher, which was her first year at Northport Public Schools. Prayers for you and your family on your loss.

Jana Ennis - October 30, 2015 at 03:28 PM



“ I taught with Marilyn in Northport from 1981-'87. She was the first grade teacher then and I was in her classroom daily. What a gracious and lovely lady who was loved by all. I have such fond memories of her and her soothing way with children. They were blessed to know her as their teacher and I was too.
My sympathy to her family,
Jean Goheski

Jean Goheski - October 30, 2015 at 02:39 PM



“ Marilyn was always beautiful and gracious. She always had a smile and something positive to say whenever you saw her. She is missed. Tom and I are so sorry for your loss. Terry Gremel



Terry - October 30, 2015 at 01:28 PM



“ 27 files added to the album Marilyn Wetherbee



Tom Wetherbee - October 30, 2015 at 10:44 AM