



Maxine Ann Rideout

April 3, 1936 - September 14, 2015

TRAVERSE CITY — Maxine Ann Rideout, 79, of Traverse City, passed away at her home on Sept. 14, 2015. She was born on April 3, 1936 in Zanesville, Ohio, to the late Clarence and Kathryn (Gorby) Boger.

Maxine graduated from Bowling Green State University, Ohio, in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science degree in music education and began her teaching career in schools near Toledo, Ohio. Her love of traveling began while teaching in Iran and Pakistan. In 1980 she relocated to the Traverse City area and taught at the Kingsley area schools, where she retired after a teaching span of 36 years.

She was devoted to her friends and family and her interests included music, reading, travel, Mah Jong, dogs and gardening.

She was an active member of the Presbyterian Church of Traverse City, where she sang in the choir, played hand bells and was a deacon of the church. She participated in NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill), Safe Harbor, Area Retired School Teachers, Great Lakes Children's Museum and G.T. County Probate/Family Court Volunteer Services.

Maxine is survived by her daughters, Beth Rideout, of Traverse City, and Tracy Burroughs, of Royal Oak; her son, Curtis Rideout, of Interlochen; granddaughters, Aleeah and Alisa Bebermeyer and Sophia Burroughs; her former husband, Raymond Rideout; sister, Sandra Boger, of Columbus, Ohio; and brother, Donald Boger, of Darouth, Massachusetts.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 18, 2015 at the Presbyterian Church of Traverse City, 701 Westminster Road, Traverse City, MI 49686.

Memorial contributions in Maxine's name may be directed to NAMI, 3803 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22203 or the music program at the Presbyterian Church, 701 Westminster, Traverse City, MI 49686.

Kindly share your memories with Maxine's family by way of her online guestbook at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Events

SEP **Memorial Service** 03:00PM
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The Presbyterian Church

701 Westminster, Traverse City, MI, US, 49686

Comments



“ Apologize for the lateness as I just now discovered the bad news. I vividly recall her kindness while a sixth grader at the International School of Islamabad all those years ago as our music teacher back in the fall of 1977. By impressing her with a snappy drum roll on small drum kit in the corner of the room, she encouraged me to start taking lessons, which I later did from her husband Ray and one of the seniors who was experienced playing drums. I vividly remember Ray and Maxine as teachers who were passionate about their craft and patient with students such as myself. Son Curt and I were classmates and competed on the swim team. I remember the Rideouts as rather extraordinary and passionate about teaching and sharing experiences. My belated condolences go to the remaining family members. I'm sorry I didn't get to know her better but fortunate for the brief time that I did.

John Bogoslofski - February 05, 2016 at 07:30 PM



“ Maxine's tireless leadership on the Recipient Rights Advisory Board at Munson Hospital will be remembered and missed.
My thoughts are with her family.
She made a tremendous difference.
Susan Odgers

susan odgers - September 19, 2015 at 06:17 PM



“ Maxine was the ideal volunteer at the Great Lakes Children's Museum. She did everything from reading for Story Time, to assisting with Member Night, to helping us with a mailing, to helping wash walls when getting ready to install a new exhibit. She was always smiling and cheerful. The museum extends deepest sympathy to all of Maxine's loved ones. She was a remarkable woman.

Diane Hubert: Museum Store Manager - September 18, 2015 at 01:44 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Ray and the entire family during this time of loss.
Nick Meyer & Rex Beyer

Nick Meyer - September 18, 2015 at 09:03 AM



“ A beautiful obituary for a beautiful person. May the inspiring memories of her comfort Ray and the entire family in the years to follow. Condolences to everyone. R.Kelley

Ron Kelley - September 18, 2015 at 08:51 AM



“ Maxine always treated my sons and I with such kindness. I think it was funny when I told her about those first couple of dates with her son, Curtis, and how he fell asleep for 45 minutes on our second date. She replied, "I'm surprised you went on another date with him?" Now Curtis and I are engaged. She did a lot to get Curtis the help to get healthy and be amazing.

Maxine was such fun to talk with and she did so much for others she was simply incredible!

I'll always Love my future Mother-in-law.

La Michigan - September 17, 2015 at 08:02 PM



“ Curt and I married 1 Jan 2017, ceremony was 15 April 2017. My youngest son Wally wanted Maxine to be his "Grandma," and he still to this day loves her and her little dogs Bandit & Rico those funny Shi-Tzu's. It is her 84th B-day today. I'm just updating my post. Much Love to All who knew & also loved my Mother-in-Law.

La - April 03, 2020 at 03:08 PM



“ Our heartfelt sympathy to all the family as we absorb the shock of the loss of Maxine. We will expect her at choir tonight and will severely notice her absence. Although she sang alto she sat next to tenors since she sometimes was asked to give that section support. Her musical talents were appreciated and often needed. We met and worked with this kind caring giving lady some 25 years ago through the Alliance For the Mentally Ill; then with the Presbyterian Church choir; the LIFE Advisory Council of Northwestern Michigan college and most of all we have enjoyed her friendship. We appreciate the gift that Maxine was to us.

Rob and Alta Frears

Rob Alta Frears - September 17, 2015 at 10:43 AM



“ I worked with Maxine at Kingsley Elementary School for many years. She was a very dedicated teacher and one of the kindest people I've known. After she retired, she offered to bring her very well behaved Shih Tzu to school so children could read to him. Maxine brought Bandit to my classroom once a week during recess, and my second grade students looked forward to and enjoyed meeting Maxine and reading to Bandit. After I retired, Maxine generously gave of her time and expertise to help me prepare to move. We kept in touch after I relocated and met for lunch or dinner almost every year. Maxine will be fondly remembered and missed by all whose lives she touched. She has joined the choirs of angels in Heaven, and I pray that her family will be comforted by loving memories and by the love and support of family and friends. I regret that I live too far away to attend her memorial service.

Patrice White- Rio Rancho, NM

Patrice White - September 16, 2015 at 10:46 PM



“ I really only got to know Maxine at the church's Rummage Sale this year. Seems that our schedules never allow us to cross paths before. She was delightful to work with and I was looking forward to getting to know her better. She will be missed; her passing is a loss to her family and friends and to the church.

Linda Rea - September 16, 2015 at 09:17 PM



“ I had the privilege to be Maxine's neighbor for 12 years. What a fascinating, vibrant and unstoppable woman! I feel honored to have known her and will miss her terribly. I hate to see her house dark when I get home from work, her light was always on, as was her heart and wonderful mind. My heart breaks because I will not be able to attend her Memorial Service, I am scheduled to work from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and was unable to find anyone to work for me. I won't be there but my huge respect for her will be. Jennifer Cerasoli

jennifer cerasoli - September 16, 2015 at 07:51 PM



“ Prayers and blessings to the Rideout family. Maxine was a wonderful presence to our Safe Harbor community. She brought love and wisdom that will be felt for many years. She was truly awesome and was one of the ones that "got it." Thank you for sharing part of your wonderful life with us Maxine.

Ryan Hannon - September 16, 2015 at 06:46 PM



“ I got to know Maxine over the past 11 years through the Safe Harbor program, doing many overnight shifts together at all the churches. She was kind and caring & such a steady integral part of our program. I am going to miss her and the great hugs I got everytime I saw her. My prayers to her family.

Tony Nelson - September 16, 2015 at 04:50 PM



“ In the short time I had the opportunity to know Maxine, I must say I have always been impressed with her love of life. I will miss bumping into Maxine on occasion and having great conversation with her. To Maxine's surviving family - My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you. May you be at peace with what has passed and hold on to your fondest memories of Maxine. She will always be with you in your hearts.

Karri Walter - September 16, 2015 at 02:36 PM



“ Maxine Rideout: Stalwart, compassionate, pragmatic, classy, and kind. A true-blue kind of gal.

Kate Pearson - September 16, 2015 at 01:12 PM



“ I met Maxine on a trip to the Arctic and she has been a steadfast friend ever since. We shared a love of travel and she came with me on a medical mission to Guatemala. She believed in giving back to the community and the world. She never missed a horse show.

We also served on advisory committee for NMC's Learn for Life program. She was one dynamic lady. Hope this new trip you are on is grand and beautiful.

Ann Conway-Burdick - September 16, 2015 at 11:21 AM



“ Not many people realize how much Maxine did to make the world around her a better place. She dedicated hours at her church, and was a moral force within Safe Harbor, Traverse City's emergency shelter. There is too much to say, other than my prayers are with Maxine's family, and Traverse City lost a small in stature but big in heart lady.

Peter Starkel - September 16, 2015 at 09:10 AM



“ Traverse City is a better place because of Maxine's quiet efforts. She will be missed by all of us in her Safe Harbor family.

Christie Minervini - September 16, 2015 at 09:06 AM



“ Maxine and I met when she wanted a Shih Tzu for a companion. She ended up with two of my puppies. What a wonderful life she gave to those dogs and began a wonderful friendship between the two of us. She will be missed by her doggie boys and by her breeders. RIP Maxine. So glad we got to visit a bit in the hospital. You were an amazing woman. Lots of hugs from all of us-Sally, Dick and the Tzu crew!

sally watkeys - September 15, 2015 at 05:56 PM