



Jane B. Grier

October 26, 1945 - March 15, 2021

Jane Bruce (Randall) Grier, 75, of Bangor passed away on March 15, 2021.

Jane was born October 26, 1945 in Hastings, Michigan to Bruce and Doris (Hinckley) Randall. A polio survivor who was well-known for her resilience and determination, Jane grew up in Nashville, MI and obtained her B.A. and M.A. degrees—as well as her private pilot's license—from Western Michigan University before beginning her life as an educator at Bangor High School. Jane worked as a freelance journalist during a classroom hiatus while her children were small, and ultimately brought that professional expertise to bear when she returned to teaching in the mid 1980s. She taught journalism in Bangor for many years, producing the school/community newspaper, The Viking Press, in partnership with her students.

Known as a tireless worker, a cheerful giver, and a devoted friend, Jane never tired of doing for others. She was a longtime member of the First Congregational Church in Bangor, where she directed the handbell choir and performed a vast array of volunteer services.

Surviving are Jane's daughters, Stephanie (Dyck) Van Koevering and Michelle (Greg) Charles, and four grandchildren. Jane also is survived by her sister Ruth (Woody) Dulaney of Lehigh Acres, FL and her beloved in-laws Doug and Patricia Grier. She was blessed to be part of a large extended family whose

love follows her into the Lord's embrace.

She was preceded in death by her husband of fifty years, Donald, in 2020; in-laws David Grier, Kenneth Baker, Betty (Noble) Grier and Martha (Reeve) Grier.

Services will be held when Michigan's COVID-19 restrictions are lifted later in 2021, so Jane can receive the love-filled sendoff she so richly deserves. The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Bangor's First Congregational Church.

Cemetery Details

Cremation

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ Jane was a one of a kind woman; always with a smile and a lovely laugh. She shaped many young writers and journalists, as well as developed musicality and music appreciation in hundreds of youth and adults alike through her handbell directing. Heaven has gained another angel and Earth has lost a wonderful asset. My deepest and sincerest sympathies to Stephanie, Shelly and all of Jane's family, including First Congregational Church members.

Jill (Munson) Withey - April 03, 2021 at 09:59 AM

TR

“ Stephanie and Shelley and all of Jane's family, I am so sorry to hear this. Jane was a wonderful neighbor, teacher, bell choir director, mom and so much more. My brothers and I played at your home and you at ours growing up. So many memories through all the levels of bell choirs, having her as a teacher, and most recently how kind she and your whole family have been through our losses. Jane had a great visit with my mom on one of her last good days before she passed last fall. I am glad she is with your dad/her husband now, but I know this is so difficult. Sending love and prayers.
With deepest sympathies,
Tara Verdonk Rougle

Tara Verdonk Rougle - March 18, 2021 at 05:44 PM

CF

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Jane was a dedicated educator, musician and Christian. She always was interested in her community and supported so many things. We will miss our neighbor across the park.
Chuck and Norma French

Chuck French - March 18, 2021 at 02:29 PM

JZ

“ So sorry for your loss. The family are in our thoughts and prayers!
Doug and Julie Zantello

Julie Zantello - March 18, 2021 at 08:29 AM

RO

“ Robin lit a candle in memory of Jane B. Grier



Robin - March 18, 2021 at 12:03 AM

RH

“ Our entire family is lifting your family up in prayers. May God comfort and bless you at this time of sorrow. Jane was a wonderful and beautiful person. We all have special memories of her. Russ & Kathy Hodgman and family



Russell D Hodgman - March 17, 2021 at 10:53 PM

RD

“ I met Jane when I began working at Fifth Third bank in Bangor. She was an amazing lady and always, always had a beautiful smile that would brighten any room. She along with her husband Don welcomed me to their community and made me feel like family. My life is so much richer because of knowing them. I will truly miss her and her infectious smile.

Razanne Day - March 17, 2021 at 09:24 PM

CK

“ Jane is one of the best teachers ever to teach at Bangor Public Schools. She never gave up on any student and strived to give them the best education they could ever have. Rest in peace, dear Jane. Rest assured knowing you left a wonderful legacy to all students you ever taught Heaven just gained an angel.

Cathy Kimbler - March 17, 2021 at 06:31 PM

CR

“ What an amazing teacher and inspiration to so many students at Bangor Schools. I always loved watching her play bells at the church for Christmas time and her smile was truly a beacon. She will be missed by all those whose lives she touched. Rest in peace Mrs. Grier.

Chris Rigozzi - March 17, 2021 at 08:03 AM

JW

“ I treasure my time spent with Jane, Don and the whole family. What a huge loss. Aunt Jane was one of a kind and I feel blessed to have known and loved her. Love sent for all of the family as you grieve and reminisce.

jo wohlfert - March 16, 2021 at 05:25 PM

PH

“ *What a wonderful woman Jane was! Always smiling and giving encouragement. She was one of our children's favorite teachers. They learned so very much from her and always enjoyed her journalism class. She will be missed by all who knew her, but especially by her precious daughters. May God bless you and your families and fill you with His strength and peace. We are deeply saddened by her passing and send you our deepest sympathies.*

Most sincerely, Patti and Ron Henry

Pat Henry - March 16, 2021 at 03:27 PM

JH

“ *What a great lady. I have know her all my life. Her laugh and smile could light a room. Many memories of church and bells. Say hi to mom for me. I'm sure you two have lots of catching up to do. ❤️❤️*

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Jennifer Freestone Hescott - March 16, 2021 at 12:52 PM

ML

*There is so much I would love to say . Jane has had such an enormous impact on my life and my daughter's!
She is basically responsible for encouraging....guiding and mentoring my daughter Leigha's undergrad path...and cheered on her law school choice.
She encouraged in many ways my daughter Lexie.
She has always been one of my FAVORITE clients.
Over the years Jane and I have had amazing discussions . Every 4 weeks I looked so forward to the day she was scheduled.
My heart hurts that I will miss her SO much... but her daughter Stephanie put it in beautiful words when she stated that Jane no longer has polio...and she is in Heaven running!
Jane left this world with an impact on SO many people!
Stephanie and Shellyyou are so blessed to have her as your Mother!*

Melanie Landry - March 16, 2021 at 06:14 PM

CM

What a wonderful woman she was. I got to know Jane when I worked with her husband Don for many years. I will always cherish the lunches Jane, Ann Danopolis and I had each year. Jane, you will be missed a lot.

Claudia McKibben - March 16, 2021 at 08:15 PM

LA

Sorry for the loss to her family. Jane was a favorite of mine!

Lisa Abbott - March 16, 2021 at 09:46 PM

MA

Jane Grier! One of my all-time favorites. So hard to believe she is gone. Jane could tell a story about cleaning the litter box and make it so interesting. So many memories - too many to mention. She now is pain free and joining Don - along with my husband, John - in our forever home. My love to the girls. Rest well, Jane. I will love you forever. Mary Ann Antrim, Missoula, Montana

Mary Ann Antrim - March 17, 2021 at 12:44 AM