



Joan D. Pike

December 21, 1933 - February 7, 2017

Went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on February 7, 2017. She was born December 21, 1933 the daughter of Milton and Alice (Frook) Shine in Cadillac, MI. Joan went on to graduate from Mesick High School and County Normal Teacher's College. In 1954, Joan married the love of her life, the late Pastor Gail Pike, and began her own special ministry for the Lord, over 50 years as a pastor's wife at Merson Church. Throughout those years, Joan loved calling members of the church her "kids" and "dear friends," as well as family and friends. She was known for her piano playing, writing music, studying God's Word, speaking, and her gift of loving hospitality. She remained humble, both before the Lord and before those whose lives she touched through sharing Christ's love and grace. Joan is survived by her son, Bill (Lynn) Pike, 2 daughters, Linda (Mike) Phillips and Sharon (Mike) Groth, all of Gobles; 14 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ginger Olson (Chris) Heath of Tampa, FL. Visitation will be held Saturday, February 11, from 10-11 AM, at Merson Church; 3313 102nd; Gobles, where a Celebration of Life service will follow at 11 AM. The family suggests memorials to either Merson Church or Great Lakes Hospice Foundation; 900 Cooper St.; Jackson, MI 49202. Arrangements by the Bloomingdale Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Merson Church
3313 102nd Ave.
Gobles, MI

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

CR

“ Aunt Hoan taught me to play piano, crochet, eat Frosted Flakes in the box with milk in it (those little tiny boxes, remember those?) and myriads of other interesting things like hold your tongue, don't say everything you think, when you don't know just smile, let your eyes twinkle, love Jesus - best of all, and peas are so fun to pick from the garden and eat immediately. So happy she is with Jesus and completely healed. ❤️

Cindy Reinertsen - February 12, 2017 at 08:16 AM

CR

Oh dear! Proof read first.! Aunt Joan!

Cindy Reinertsen - February 12, 2017 at 08:17 AM

RC

“ Rafael Cabrera lit a candle in memory of Joan D. Pike



Rafael Cabrera - February 10, 2017 at 06:18 PM

EC

“ *What a lady of faith and what a faithful lady. I remember her reply when I expressed sadness at the fire and loss of the church building many years ago. She said that it was a good thing in the fact that it forced the congregation to build a bigger and better facility that could minister to the community more effectively and introduce people to Jesus Christ. When my family had no place to go, we lived with Aunt Alice and family for a bit. I remember that Joan and I slept on cots placed on the staircase landing. So thankful for the wonderful memories I have of Joan. Now snd and Gail are together again (and what a faithful man/husband/pastor he was). The 'abject loneliness of her permanent absence down here' is not easy to deal with but knowing where she is gives us assurance leading to peace. Cannot imagine what heaven is like but what a Family Reunion must be going on. Blessings to The Family still ministering down here.*

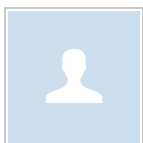
Evelyn Keith - a cousin - February 10, 2017 at 10:35 AM



“ *Kathy Storey lit a candle in memory of Joan D. Pike*



Kathy Storey - February 10, 2017 at 10:11 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joan D. Pike.*



February 10, 2017 at 08:06 AM

DB

“ *Mrs. Pike prayed me through a very rough time in my life. I continue to carry a poem that she gave me me many years ago. She was a true treasure and she lived by example. Godspeed Mrs. Pike. 🙏🏻🙏🏻.*
Debbie Brokus



debbie brokus - February 09, 2017 at 02:59 PM

SM

“ *We were so honored and blessed to know Joan and Gail. They showed the Love of Christ in their relationships with people and especially with missionaries. I always treasure the heavenly smile Joan shared with anyone she encountered. God Bless the Pike family. Steve and Lois Manda*

Steve Manda - February 09, 2017 at 10:32 AM

BP

“ *May the God of all comfort and peace comfort and give you peace in these days.*

As a kid I thought Joan was the greatest person. One Christmas, she and Gail brought us a shoe shine kit and somehow I figured it had something to do with her name...and maybe it did. Soon after Joan and Gail went to Merson, I spent some time there and Joan set the table with two forks on the left. I couldn't figure out why I needed two forks...and on the left? At home we had always put all three pieces on the right.

Joan was a faithful letter writer to Mom and Dad and us kids still at home. Nearly every week we got a letter bringing us up to date on the ministry at Merson.

Memories!

Ben Pike

Ben. Pike - February 08, 2017 at 07:34 PM

CB

“ *Joan, I love you. You are an amazing woman, at all stages of your life. Char*

Charlene Burk - February 08, 2017 at 06:57 PM

TM

“ *Continuing commitment, saying yes to my Saviour, continuing comitment, just one way of life for me, daily dieing daily living. . .*

My best memory of her. A song I can not get out of my heart.

Uncle Tim Marsh

Tim Marsh - February 08, 2017 at 02:59 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan D. Pike.



February 08, 2017 at 02:23 PM



“ I will always remember Mrs. Pike's spirit of joy exhibited in her smile and words of encouragement both spoken and played through music. She seemed to heed the Holy Spirit's directing in her life to know exactly what to say at just the right time. Her presence within the church family has been missed but not to be forgotten. May we try to emulate her example here on earth of "loving the Lord her God with all her heart, soul, mind, and strength" exhibited by her joy for Him and others! I can only imagine the fun she is having with Him in person now. Brenda Byers

Brenda Byers - February 08, 2017 at 02:18 PM



“ Mrs. Pike always had a kind word to make my day better when I was feeling down. Always gave a hug when she seen me. Her and Pastor Pike came and prayed with me before I had back surgery. I will miss her dearly.

Kathy Pennell

Kathy Pennell - February 08, 2017 at 12:43 PM

SA

“ *The hymns came alive when Mrs. Pike sat down to play the piano! She was a selfless, godly woman who touched many lives. Heaven is rejoicing at her arrival! Shanna Ax*

Shanna Ax - February 08, 2017 at 12:42 PM

SK

“ *I loved ❤️ Going to the Ladies Bible study each week. Mrs. Pike was a wonderful Bible teacher. Loved every year she had a new theme for the year. My favorite was her piano playing. At camp one summer Bob had her play Honkey Tonk!! We had so much fun. God blessed her with so much creativity. The Proms every year, Christmas downstairs. Heaven is rejoicing at her arrival Bob & Sharon Knowlton~Kasilof, Alaska*

Sharon Knowlton - February 08, 2017 at 12:29 PM



“ *As Shirley said.....where to begin.....Mrs.Pike (and Mr. Pike) was so many things to all of us at Merson. And I'm sure their children made sacrifices for them to be able to be so many things to us. Her and my Mother were great friends. She called my mom "Glenn" and Mother called her "Jo":-) I have so many fond memories of growing up with the family:-) Mrs. Pike's rendition of "My dolly died, and I cried and cried" should have been in theatre:-) And when the piano was being played, you didn't need to see who was playing it....you just knew by the way it sounded that it was her. What a beautiful lady and what a testimony she was to all of us. Bless her children for caring for her thru her last years.*

Cindy Brokus - February 08, 2017 at 11:04 AM

DB

“ Where would you ever begin Mrs Pike was so many things. She was a wife, Mother, teacher to so many. I had Mrs Pike as a neighbor and I learned so many things from her. She walked with you , prayed with you and just a great friend. She has touched so many lives in so many ways. We have lost a great lady and heaven has a very speacia Angel As Don said yesterday when I told him. Pike and Jesus were both there with smiles on there faces. RIp you will always have piece of our hearts. Prays for Bill, Linda, Sherry, and their families they have taken such good care of her. Just know she is whole again and walking with those she loves.

Don and Shirley Brown - February 08, 2017 at 07:30 AM



“ Mrs Pike always had a way of making me feel like one of the most important people in the world when she would talk to me. Frequently she would take me by the hand and look at me as if no one else was about. I will miss her gentle smile and ways that were so comforting. She was a wonderful mentor. I can picture her smiling in heaven to see Jesus at last. Never before have I thought this, but I wonder if heaven had pianos. She'll be playing one looking about if that is so. Thanks for sharing her with the rest of us.

Karla Blaha Lee - February 08, 2017 at 06:03 AM