



## Joyce E. Stevens

October 21, 1933 - December 29, 2017

Passed away at home surrounded by her family Friday, December 29, 2017. Joyce was born October 21, 1933 in Kalamazoo, the daughter of the late William and Irene Wesler and had lived in the Gobles area her entire life. Joyce enjoyed gardening, fishing, and golfing. Joyce and her family annually went mushroom hunting and camping in Mesick for over 50 years. She truly enjoyed being outdoors and spending time with her family and friends, especially her grand and great grandchildren. She had raised money for Christmas by picking grapes and cherries for many years. Surviving are her 4 children, Pam (Frank) Tibbitts, Kathy (Dutch) Doorlag, Keith (Angela) Buis and Nancy Ann Buis, all of Gobles; 4 stepchildren, Warnie (Yvonne) Stevens, Marlene (Larry) Davis, Char Phelps and Keeley Stevens; grandchildren, Bryan and Bryce Buis, Renee and Frankie Tibbitts, Jimmy (Nicole) Doorlag; step grandchildren, Julie Wekwert, Trevor Smith, Angie Davis - Clark, "Bubby" Davis Jr.; great grandchildren, Kelsy Ann Buis, Brooklyn, Maddy and Aubrey; step great grandchildren, Faith, Seth, Jada, Mila, Keygan, Wyatt and Zane; a brother, Richard (Kay) Wesler; 3 sisters-in-law, Lois Wesler, Kathryn Nogle and Carol (Jim) Cooley; several nieces and nephews including a special niece, Janet Buis-Miller. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Stevens; her parents; brother, William Wesler; and sister, Norma Daniels. The family will meet friends on Tuesday at the D. L. Miller Funeral Home, Gobles Chapel, from 5 - 8 PM where funeral services will take place Wednesday at 11 AM. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to either the Area

Agency on Aging Region 4 or Hospice of South West Michigan.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gobles Chapel  
208 West Main Street  
Gobles, MI

## Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gobles Chapel  
208 West Main Street  
Gobles, MI

# Tribute Wall

SN

“Joyce and I go back about 50 years. We had some of the best times. There wasn't anything I wouldn't do for her or her family. Not a truer friend could top my pal. We made plenty of trips gambling, playing cards, sightseeing, the beach, singing and driving was one of our specialties, oh yes and being the first swimmers of the season for a few years in Cedar lake brrr. I remember when she met and fell in love with big Jim, they were meant to be together. Joyce was the best, I'll never forget my pal. Prayers go out to all of your family members. Till we meet again, hugs, hugs and more hugs. Love you my dear friend. Sherry (Steve) "Holleman" Neeser.

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**Sherry Holleman Neeser** - January 17, 2018 at 07:57 PM

JK

“My Aunt Joyce had a special influence on me as a child, especially since we shared the same middle name. One of my favorite memories are the many times she hosted special occasion meals where the food was wonderful and her hospitality genuine. They were always a fun experience. Another memory that stands out is the summer she let me pick cherries with her so I could earn my own money. Joyce and her sister in law Carol would pick me up before dawn and take me to the orchard. These women were the funniest adults I had ever been around! They taught me how to have fun at work. I don't think you ever get over losing a loved one, but you never forget why you loved them and the memories you shared. Peace be with Joyce and her wonderful family.

Love,  
Janice "Elaine" Daniels Kalisiak

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**JANICE E KALISIAK** - January 02, 2018 at 12:16 PM

RB

“ *Robbie Barber lit a candle in memory of Joyce E. Stevens*

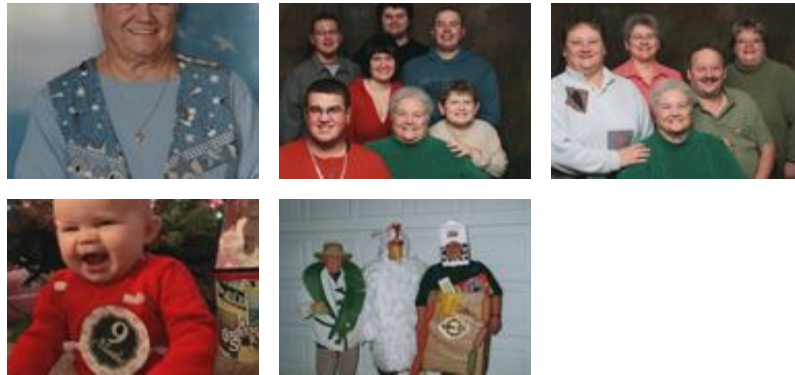


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**Robbie Barber** - January 02, 2018 at 10:34 AM



“ *33 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**D.L. Miller Funeral Home** - January 02, 2018 at 10:24 AM

MN

“ *ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HER FACE FOR YOU... :)*

*IF YOU NEEDED ANYTHING AND SHE HAD IT , IT WAS YOURS*

*MARK NOGLE*

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**Mark Nogle** - January 01, 2018 at 05:30 PM

FT

“ 3 files added to the album JS



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F T - December 31, 2017 at 08:10 PM



“ . purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joyce E. Stevens.



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. - December 31, 2017 at 07:24 PM

FT

“ Hard to say goodbye to someone you've known and cared about so long, but eventually it happens to us all either sooner or hopefully later. Joyce if she had a fault it was being too nice and in the 40 years I knew her I don't remember her being angry even with me which was a miracle in itself. We golfed, camped , swam ,boated traveled to Arizona and she made the best home made pizza in the world. I haven't had one in a long time because I think they finally realized I ate way more than my share and all of you know my waistline sure didn't need it! I first met her back in 1977 when I came out as her eldest daughters guest and she was as polite and caring as if I was visiting my own mother! Believe me I am no gem and my lack of self worth and extreme shyness comes out with my nervous blabbering more often redundant and nonsensical even to me. She always listened non the less and at least pretended to be interested no matter what crazy thing I had to mutter. Her husband was a giant of a man, but we became great friends yet rivals (Ford vrs. Chevy) and I never have been able to understand why Jim didn't admit Fords were better (by the way I own a chevy lol Joyce please don't tell him). I've always been an extremely shy no confidence person which makes me like I said running my mouth, and spouting not because I meant them, but just because I lose control of my tongue when around anyone but my dog lol, but Joyce was a wonderful caring mother-in-law and great friend for the 35 years I've been married to her oldest child and I wouldn't have traded her for anyone and am so very thankful to have been able to share in her life! Joyce I will always miss you, but more so I will always cherish having you in my life! Goodbye and thanks for everything and especially for being EXACTLY who you were!!! LOVE Frank  
PS. Could we have all moved out of this darn snowbelt!? lol

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Frank Tibbitts - December 31, 2017 at 08:45 AM

RT

“ She was a wonderful grandma! Always patient and caring and had alllll the candy and peanut butter jelly sandwiches we wanted!! We were always happy and excited to go to grandmas! She could play a killer game of dominoes! :-) I am very happy my daughter got to meet her! You will be so missed!

Renee Tibbitts - December 31, 2017 at 08:03 AM

SB

“ Have many good memories of time spend with that side of the Wesler family when I was young going out to the lake camping with Uncle Bill and Aunt Irene and all the kids. I looked up to Joyce. She is at peace now and back to her old self with those she loved. She fought the fight. You guys did a great job of taken care of her. Peace and happy memories to you all . She will live in many hearts for years to come. Shirley and Flossie Wesler.



Shirley wesler Brown - December 30, 2017 at 07:08 AM

MD

“ I love you Joyce. You will truly be missed. You're with my dad now. Hugs and kisses to both of you. RIP

Marlene Davis - December 30, 2017 at 12:07 AM

Angie Davis-Clark

“ I'll always remember coming to grandma and grandpa house and it smelling soooooooo good. Grandma Joyce was a great woman and a great cook. I love you Gramma Joyce and you will be truly missed. Please tell grandpa hi and I miss him. RIH ❤️❤️

Angie Davis-Clark - December 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce E. Stevens.*



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December 29, 2017 at 11:37 PM



“ *The first time I truly remember who Joyce was I was about 6yrs. old. I had the chicken pox and unable to attend my great grandma Wesseling's funeral. Joyce must have had the pox also because she wasn't in school either. As a youngster I was very impressed by the big house and front yard. We're gong to miss you, RIP.*

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**Kathy Buis-Nogle** - December 29, 2017 at 05:39 PM



“ *Sandra Sincler lit a candle in memory of Joyce E. Stevens*



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**Sandra Sincler** - December 29, 2017 at 04:12 PM



*So sorry for your loss. Keeping you all lifted up in prayer.*

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**Sandra Sincler** - December 29, 2017 at 04:13 PM

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**Frank Tibbitts** - December 30, 2017 at 09:37 PM

JH

*I I have fond memories of being in grade school and the same high school class with Joyce. Always such a fun person!*

*Jacqueline Baas Haron*

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**Jacqueline Harmon** - December 30, 2017 at 09:40 PM

HC

*“ I will always remember when I made Jell-O shots for the annual pig roast and she got a little toasted. She will be missed!!*

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**Heather Clark** - December 29, 2017 at 02:42 PM

SA

*So sorry for your loss I'm sure she will be missed*

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**sandra austin** - December 29, 2017 at 05:07 PM