



Lucienne M. "Lu" Kiefer

July 25, 1948 - April 13, 2026

Lucienne M. "Lu" Kiefer, age 77 of Port Huron, passed away on April 13, 2026, unexpectedly. She was born on July 25, 1948 in Port Huron to the late Frederick and Colette Pettee. She married Daniel M. Kiefer on March 21, 1970 in Port Huron. Dan preceded her in death on July 27, 2013.

Lucienne earned her master's degree from Western Michigan University. She retired as an English teacher from the Marysville Public Schools, having served from 1971 until 2006. Although Lucienne and Dan did not have children, she regarded each of her students as her own.

Lucienne previously served as president of the Port Huron Business and Professional Women and was currently affiliated with the Port Huron Museum, and the Port Huron Council on Aging. She held the position of secretary and later corresponding secretary for the Blue Water Art Association and was also a member of the St. Clair Art Association. Additionally, she participated in various social and recreational groups, including the Tally Ho Wednesday night Euchre, Monday night Mahjong group and the Fun Club, a group of ladies monthly get together. Lu was loved by many friends and will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her sister, Gisele Pettee, special niece, Chris Ryder, cousins; Mary France Oudin, Roger Oudin, Louis Oudin, Richard Oudin,

Kathy Garcia, Judith Cook, Terry Pettee, Mark Pettee, Christian Gagneux, Andre Gagneux, Robert Gagneux and Sylvie Gauthier, and many more cousins on both sides of the pond. She is also survived by her lifelong friends; Melanie Bernosky, Gay Venia, Sandra Standel and David Houck.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Lucienne Oudin.

A memorial service will be held on Monday - May 4, 2026 at 1:00pm in the Jowett Funeral Home - 1634 Lapeer Ave., Port Huron. Minister Shaun Laurain will officiate. The memorial visitation will be held on Sunday - May 3, 2026 from 1:00pm until 5:00pm and again on Monday from 12:00pm until time of service.

There will be a luncheon following the service in the Jowett Funeral Home Reception Center.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Blue Water Area Humane Society. Jowett Funeral Home is privileged to serve the Kiefer Family. View obituary and share memories at www.jowettfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 3. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - Port Huron
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Memorial Visitation

MAY 4. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Luncheon

MAY 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Oudin family purchased the Heavenly Sentiments Spray for the family of Lucienne M. "Lu" Kiefer.*



The Oudin family - April 30 at 08:37 PM



“ For many, she was more than an English teacher—she was a steady presence in the classroom, someone who believed deeply in the potential of her students, even when they struggled to see it themselves. She held firm expectations, not out of severity, but with a conviction that her students were capable of more.

I remember a moment that would stay with me for life. Facing the possibility of not graduating on time, I was given a final opportunity by Mrs. Kiefer—a test that would determine my future. I rose to the challenge and excelled. Afterward, she looked at me and asked, “Now Glenn, why did you not do this every week?” It was a simple question, but one that carried both honesty and belief—a reminder that she had seen my ability all along.

That was Mrs. Kiefer’s gift: she didn’t just teach lessons from books; she revealed to her students what they were capable of achieving.

Her impact lives on in the countless individuals who carry her words, her standards, and her belief in them into their own lives. She will be remembered with respect, gratitude, and enduring admiration.

Mrs. Kiefer’s legacy is not only in what she taught, but in what she inspired.

Glenn Siegrist - April 30 at 07:40 AM



“ 64 files added to the album Life Tributes



Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - April 29 at 11:19 AM



“ Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Lucienne M. "Lu" Kiefer.



April 24 at 10:19 AM



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Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - April 22 at 01:49 PM



“ Mrs. Kiefer was one of my favorite and most influential teachers. She inspired me daily in her “Brit Lit” and Composition classes and encouraged all of us to be better humans. What a true loss. My condolences to her family, she was the best of us.

Danielle Finch (Smith) - April 16 at 07:17 PM

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“ When I met the Family, Dan & Lu and Gisele it felt like they were family, that's how they made you feel. Lu was such a sweet woman and she loved her family & friends, like to travel, flowers and the deck. I learned these things from her. God rest her soul. Gisele I pray you find comfort and peace in knowing Lu's soul is with the Lord. Love Bonnie



Bonnie S Thomas - April 16 at 12:15 PM

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“ Lu and I both started teaching at Marysville in 1971. Our careers were parallel and we shared many of our goals and accomplishment together. We both retired in 2006 after 35 years of teaching together. Lu was the matriarch of our ladies lunch room and always kept us entertained with her stories. She was a great teacher and friend. Go to your well earned just reward, Lu. R.I.P.

Beverly Davis - April 16 at 12:55 AM



I'm so heartbroken Bev! Thinking of you and everyone else affected by her loss. She was always more than just my teacher! 😞

Myria Evans - April 16 at 07:37 PM

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“ *My heart broke when I was given the news that my dear Lu had passed. She was such a blessing to me and touched the lives of so many people throughout her life. I loved every minute I spent with her and will miss her greatly. Melanie Bernosky*



MELANIE FRENCH BERNOSKY - April 15 at 07:21 PM