



## Mary M. Jenks

October 2, 1947 - May 9, 2020

Mary Melissa Jenks was born October 2nd, 1947 in Mount Clemens, Michigan. After a long battle with cancer, she passed away peacefully in her home on May 9th surrounded by family.

Outside of a brief move to California, Mary lived her entire life and raised her family in the Village of New Haven. She was very active in the community and schools. She was employed for over 25 years at the New Haven Community Schools in various roles, an advisor to numerous classes, and was selected to be Grand Marshall of the New Haven Homecoming Parade. Within the community, Mary volunteered for the Fireman's Auxiliary, the New Haven Food Pantry, Athletic Boosters, Bingo and the Community Dinner. She also served on the Village Council as Trustee. She was a pillar of the community.

Mary loved to travel with her husband Mike around the country. In the winter, she would escape to her home in Arizona for Razer rides in the desert and shopping trips to Mexico. In the summer, she liked to head north to her home in Caseville for day trips to the beach, cookouts and campfires. She enjoyed cruises with her friends as well as camping trips in the RV to Silver Lake, Vermont, Maine and many other places.

Mary cherished every moment spent with friends, family and grandkids. They were always welcome to come visit. She would greet them with a big smile, provide a meal and give them a place to sleep. Mary was a caring person that helped to raise her grandkids and other family members, and looked after her sister Connie when their mother passed away. She was like a second mother to many of her children's friends. Mary had a heart of gold that can never be replaced. She will be missed by all who knew her.

She married Michael D. Jenks, on April 18, 1975, in New Haven.

She is survived by her husband, Michael, children; Terri Mikolowski, Charles Gauthier, Jr., Christine (Daniel) Scarlotta, Stephanie (Kenneth) Carter, and Michael D. Jenks, Jr., grandchildren; Melissa Mikolowski, Miles Mikolowski, Rachael Gauthier, Taylor Gauthier, Angelina Scarlotta, Daniel Scarlotta, Chase Carter, Tessa Carter, Finn Carter, Dylan Jenks, Ryan Jenks, and Tristan Jenks, siblings, Diane (George) Frye, Robert (Diane) Churchill, Jerry (Melidee) Churchill, Timothy Churchil, and Brian Churchill, along with several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Clarence and Fairee Churchill, siblings; Connie Churchill, and Thomas E. Churchill, and sister-in-law, Tracey Churchill.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00am, on Friday, May 15, 2020, in Centennial Cemetery, New Haven. Pastor Warren Hood will officiate.

Visiting hours will be 1:30pm – 8:00pm, on Thursday, May 14, 2020, in Jowett Funeral Home – 57737 Gratiot, New Haven.

Pallbearers are Daniel Scarlotta, Sr., Daniel Scarlotta, Jr., Tristan Jenks, Miles Mikolowski, Kenneth Carter, Chase Carter, Brian Churchill, Charles Gauthier, and Bill Bronikowski.

In lieu of flowers, the family has setup a Mary M. Jenks Memorial Scholarship fund. Donations can be made payable and sent to:

New Haven Community Schools

57700 Gratiot

PO Box 482000

New Haven, MI 48048

Please note in the memo: Mary Jenks Scholarship Fund

View obituary and share memories at [www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Centennial Cemetery

Clark Street  
New Haven, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 1:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - New Haven  
57737 Gratiot Avenue  
New Haven, MI 48048  
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## Graveside Service

MAY 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Centennial Cemetery  
Clark Street  
New Haven, MI

# Tribute Wall

BT

“ *Mary was such a joy to work with on so many of the school functions. We will truly miss her. Our many special thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Bill and Merlene Thompson*

**bill and Merlene Thompson** - May 15, 2020 at 10:19 AM

MH

*Mary- thank you for your unconditional friendship. You will be missed.*

**Mirna Hochberg** - June 16, 2020 at 05:26 PM

PM

“ *Paul MCGartland lit a candle in memory of Mary M. Jenks*



**Paul mcgartland** - May 14, 2020 at 08:40 PM

VB

“ *Vincent J Brancato lit a candle in memory of Mary M. Jenks*



**Vincent J Brancato** - May 14, 2020 at 11:22 AM

DL

“ I was saddened to receive this news. I posted this earlier but wish to share this with all.

*I coached at New Haven High School twice in my career in the late 90's and again in 04-05. I've always said I have been lucky to have met some incredible people through coaching. Mary was a staple at NH, a joy to talk to and an honor to be able to call her friend. Over the years I was lucky enough to run into her a few times and have a conversation with her. One thing I could say walking away after that conversation, I wish we could have sat down and just talked the day away. Now I'll say, man it's been a while, I wish I could have one more conversation with Mary Jenks. RIP Mary, you will be missed.*

*Prayers of peace to family and friends.*

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**David Licari** - May 14, 2020 at 08:44 AM

RW

“ *It's Rulen & Donna West*

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**Rulen & Donna West** - May 13, 2020 at 09:10 PM

RW

“ *She was a great lady. Had fun times with her*



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**Rulen & Donna Wedt** - May 13, 2020 at 08:58 PM

LH

“ *Linda L Holliday lit a candle in memory of Mary M. Jenks*



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**Linda L Holliday** - May 13, 2020 at 04:16 PM

SF

“ *Schroeder Family lit a candle in memory of Mary M. Jenks*



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**Schroeder family** - May 13, 2020 at 03:02 PM

JM

“ *Chuck ,  
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this sad time !  
Jeanie Madou*



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**Jeanie madou** - May 13, 2020 at 02:17 PM

BG

“ *Beautiful lady with a beautiful heart. She will be missed. Sending love, prayers and our deepest condolences. Love, the Gunter family.*

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**Bobbie Gunter** - May 13, 2020 at 08:40 AM

WM

“ *Janice and I had the privilege of volunteeringredients with Mary for a time at the local food pantry and a community dinner. She was a tireless worker and encourager. She was loved and will be missed by us and all who knew her. Our condolences to Mike and the rest of the family.*

Willam Marsack - May 13, 2020 at 07:50 AM

AR

“ *Alex Ramsay lit a candle in memory of Mary M. Jenks*



Alex Ramsay - May 13, 2020 at 06:13 AM



“ *Pam Sheardy lit a candle in memory of Mary M. Jenks*



Pam Sheardy - May 13, 2020 at 12:28 AM

MB

“ *Hold your memories close to think about and relive the good times. Prayers for you all.*

michelle & tom bates - May 12, 2020 at 08:28 PM

PS

“ *Very nice tribute detailing Mary's life! Mike and Family - our deepest sympathy and prayers! May you find comfort and strength in all your memories 💕 Mary's life was a blessing, Her memory a treasure, She is loved beyond words and will be missed beyond measure! A beautiful soul is never forgotten - RIP Mary* 🕊️

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**Pam Sheardy** - May 12, 2020 at 07:32 PM

BG

*A beautiful tribute of Mary's life. My thoughts and Prayers to the Jenks and Churchill families. 💕*

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**Brenda Green** - May 15, 2020 at 11:39 AM

NL

“ *So sorry to hear about Mary's passing I'm going to miss her she was a light To everyone she met*

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**Nancy LaBeau** - May 12, 2020 at 07:11 PM

AD

“ *Chuck and family we are so sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Bob and Ann Durst*

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**Ann Durst** - May 12, 2020 at 07:08 PM

CS

“ *My mom loved her family. The holidays were always special. She made sure everyone had a place to go. I remember Easter, Christmas and Thanksgiving meals with tables filled with food and people from the living room, through the kitchen and into the back room. She would work all day, never complain and serve with a smile. She made everyone feel at home. 💕*

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**Christine Scarlotta** - May 12, 2020 at 06:11 PM

CA

*I heard of Mary's passing through another caregiver. I had the pleasure of meeting Mary and her family while caring for connie. i am so sorry for such devastating news. If there is anything I can do call me.*

**CAROL** - May 16, 2020 at 03:23 PM

KC

“ *Kelle Capron lit a candle in memory of Mary M. Jenks*



**Kelle capron** - May 12, 2020 at 05:44 PM

JB

*so sorry to hear about Mary's passing. She was along time friend from high school and for many years after. My sincere condolences to Mike and her family. She was one of the best.*

**Jane Braga** - May 13, 2020 at 01:10 PM

JL

*I am thinking of Mary today as I often do. She was a delightful childhood friend a d lived down the road from me. Over the many years since, Mary would pop into my life with that beautiful smile and we would catch up with each other's lives. I miss her sweet laugh and caring soul. Rest in peace Mary. My condolences to Mike a d the entire community. We were blessed to ha e known you.*

**Jean Bentley Lampe** - August 03, 2020 at 09:07 PM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - May 12, 2020 at 04:20 PM**