



Mikelan 'Mickey' Schmitt

June 6, 1938 - September 4, 2015

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RACINE - Mikelan "Mickey" Schmitt, born June 6, 1938 was one of the ten children of Lionel B. and Mary (Petronek) Jacquart of Ironwood, MI. "The third nerd of the nerd herd", she liked to say. She attended St. Ambrose High School in Ironwood, and then the family headed south to Racine, WI where she graduated from Wm. Horlick High School.

After a brief adventure living with her dear friend Yvonne Wilson in Denver, CO, Mickey moved back to Racine. She tried her hand at being a switchboard operator for Ma Bell, and then was hired at Oster Manufacturing, where she met Thomas Schmitt. He, realizing what a gem she was, quickly convinced her to marry him in 1958 and soon they had three darling daughters. (They were divorced in 1994. His loss! :-P)

Mickey was active at Janes School when the girls were growing up, as a room mother, a chaperone for field trips and a Girl Scout leader. One of her greatest joys was being "Mrs. Book", youngsters would read to her and she rewarded them with one of her handmade bookmarks. She helped launch the "Helping Hand" program in Racine.

When the girls got older Mickey returned to work. Some of her jobs included: bakery clerk at Lehmann's and Ostergaard's bakeries; cafeteria worker and resident cartoonist at the Industrial Building on 16th St. and clerk at Lange's/Osco/CVS Pharmacy as well as Haag's Pharmacy.

From making the girls matching dresses when they were young to designing

and stitching queen sized quilts in later years, a piece of cloth in Mickey's hands soon became something beautiful and useful. She played classical guitar and piano, was a creative cartoonist and talented writer.

Not one to be alone, Mickey met widower Melvin Manty in 1995 and they soon were keeping house together on Apple Tree Circle, companions to the end.

Left to cherish her memory are daughters: Laura Lee (David) Dominguese and Suzanne Lynn (Donald) Schmidt of Racine, and Kathryn Marie (Eric) Petersen of North Aurora, IL; grandchildren, Theresa, Daniel and Paul Schmidt, Dana and Carmen Petersen, Thomas Lakatos and Jeanette Lakatos Burlingame; domestic partner Melvin Manty; his children Gail (Greg) Griph, Mark Manty and Karen Manty; and his grandchildren Sarah (Alex) Doxtater, Erin and Jacob Griph; her sisters, Mary Jo (Thomas) Sandell, Geraldine (Richard Moore) Kroes, Loretta Debettignies, Nanette Jacquart Bush; her brothers, Daniel (Marlene) Jacquart, Thomas (Lynn) Jacquart and Frederick Jacquart, many nieces and nephews and her long-time friends, Elaine Van Voorhees and Helen Smukal.

Mickey was preceded in death by her mother, father, stepmother, Vivian Rice Jacquart, brother, Richard Jacquart and sister, Lorraine Rosenberg.

There will be a time for family and friends to meet at Sturino Funeral Home on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Mickey will be laid to rest at West Lawn Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers and in honor of her frequently expressed wish to feed the hungry on holidays, memorials to the Racine County Food Bank, 2000 DeKoven Ave. #2, Racine, WI 53403 will be appreciated.

The family sincerely thanks the staff at Elizabeth Residence of Caledonia for their gentle loving care of Mickey during her battle with dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 9. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
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Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mikelan 'Mickey' Schmitt*



Sturino Funeral Home - September 08, 2015 at 01:39 PM



Very good presentation. I wished my grandpa had that.

David Davies - September 19, 2015 at 01:18 PM

JD

“ *Dear Laura, Susie, and Kathy,
I am SO sorry for your loss. As I think back on all my memories of
Aunty Mickey all I can see is her smile and hear her laugh. That was
her! I don't ever remember a serious moment with
her.....especially when her sisters were involved! I also LOVE
the picture of a bunch of the family on the front porch in your tribute!
Even though it's been a while since we've seen each other, I think of
you girls often. Please know that you are in my thoughts and
prayers and know that Aunty Mickey is now in a better place. Love
to all of you, and wish I could be there to celebrate her life with you!*
Jeanette

Jeanette Duellman - September 09, 2015 at 08:38 AM

JS

“ In 1980, we moved to Racine for my husband to take a job with J.I. Case. There, he met Tom Schmitt. It was my great fortune to meet Mickey Schmitt at a Christmas party given by their boss. She was the first friend I had in Wisconsin. Over the next years, we were often together. When my husband and I opened a cafeteria, Mickey was the first person I asked to work with me, acting as the manager when I was not there. Customers really looked forward to Mickey's daily cartoons, and her happy, laughing face. She was my rock and pillow, as we shared problems and pleasures. We moved out of the city and Mickey met the second, and last, great love of her life. With these changes, we gradually moved apart. However, I will always think of Mick as one of the best things to happen in my life. The world is a sadder place without her.

Jan Stape - September 09, 2015 at 08:19 AM

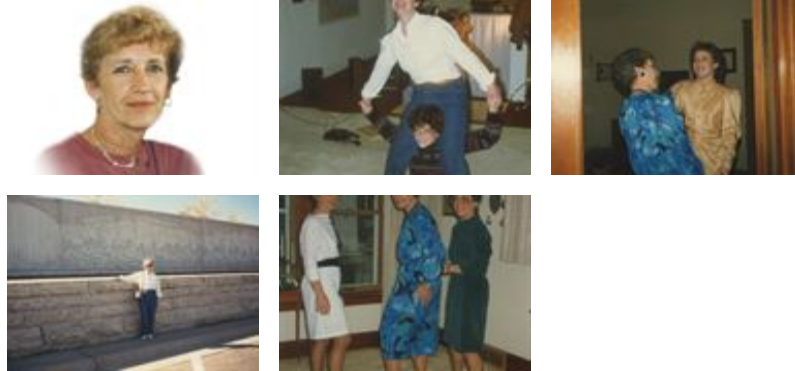
DB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Aunt Mickey's immediate family and extended family at this time. I have many fond memories of spending time with Aunt Mickey and the girls while growing up in Racine. I will miss her wit and her jokes she was always coming up with while growing up. Love to all. Denise

Denise Baumann - September 08, 2015 at 05:45 PM



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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mikelan 'Mickey' Schmitt.



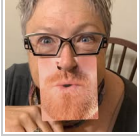
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“ Jim and I were so sad to see that Mickey had died. She always had a smile on her face and loved to crack jokes while she worked with us at Lange's Pharmacy. Such a sweet lady, she will be remembered.

Jim and Barb Hantschel

Barbara Hantschel - September 07, 2015 at 11:00 AM



“ So many memories at the kitchen table on Arthur Ave. Mickey was like a second mother to all who entered her home. What a beautiful tribute you have written. My love and prayers for my girls and extended family. I will be with you in spirit Wednesday when you celebrate her wonderfully humor filled life.

Christine Bohn

Christine Bohn - September 06, 2015 at 05:44 PM