



## Joy Lee Kalchik

October 27, 1921 - July 22, 2020

Joy L. Kalchik aged 98 of Ludington, formerly of Suttons Bay, passed away on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at home in the arms of her two daughters.

Joy was born October 27, 1921 in Suttons Bay Township, the daughter of Albert and Anna Hawkins. She graduated from Suttons Bay High School in 1939 and later attended business school. The course of Joy's life was changed forever by the four years she spent in a tuberculosis sanitarium from the ages of 20 to 24. Joy married the love of her life Frank C. Kalchik Jr. in 1952. and together Frank and Joy raised their family on a cherry farm in Suttons Bay.

Joy was a life-long member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Suttons Bay and served her church in many roles. She believed strongly in serving her community and was a dedicated volunteer for many organizations including ShareCare and Hospice.

Joy is survived by her daughters Ann (Ron) Johnson of Ludington, and Elana Sue St. Pierre of Santa Fe, NM, and her surrogate daughter Patricia Bernier of Santiago, Chile. She is also survived by grandsons Tim Johnson of Ludington, Kailash Spidel of Portland, Oregon, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joy was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Frank in 1986, two brothers Wilfred (infant) and Eldon, and her nephew James Hanson.

A memorial service will be held for Joy when it is safe to gather and celebrate her life at a time and date to be determined. There will be a private interment ceremony next to her husband Frank in Omena Hillcrest Cemetery, Omena Michigan. The family would like to thank Harbor Hospice for their loving care and support of Joy and her family. Memorials in memory of Joy can be given to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Suttons Bay or Harbor Hospice of Muskegon.

# Comments

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“ Joy was one of my earliest volunteers at the Sutton’s Bay Bingham District Library. She handled our check out desk with her warm spirit, plus she knew just about everyone who came in. When we said “thank you, see you next week”. She always replied with a smile and a bright “God willing and creek don’t rise!” Rest in well deserved peace, dear Joy. Suzanne Latta Hoff

**Suzanne Latta Hoff** - Yesterday at 11:06 AM

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“ I loved Joy. She shared so much local/family history in our conversations over the years. She went to school with my uncle Einar in the old stone school in Suttons Bay when Einar's mom was principal, and was a dear friend to my aunt Carolyn. She was proud to be 5th generation Leelanau - born in the same house as her mom and grandma.  
Once when I said Northport was a quirky village, she said, laughing, “Sutton’s Bay is Norwegian and Swede, Pshawbeton Indian, Gills Pier Bohemian, Lake Leelanau French and of course Cedar is Polish. Northport is everyone who couldn’t get along with their own people!”  
She gave great advice on making pickles, gardening and kids, and about her happiness being Frank’s wife. She was practical, very funny, smart and kind. I’m grateful to have known Joy.

**Sarah Johnson** - August 01 at 09:25 AM

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“ Deepest condolences to your whole Kalchik family. Our brother Jim was a friend and, he always spoke fondly of Joy. He had the privilege of purchasing part of the Kalchik farm in Suttons Bay after admiring it for years. We lost Jim in Nov 2016 and his Mom/sisters have kept the farm and are enjoying it... we think of Joy and your family every time we are at the farm. We send our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, the Foster family

**Mary Foster** - July 26 at 08:19 PM

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“ Julia Chambers lit a candle in memory of Joy Lee Kalchik



**julia chambers** - July 25 at 07:06 AM



“ Thanks for bringing Joy to my heart....Joy shared so many wonderful stories with me...always with a positive side. She was an inspiration to me!

**julia chambers** - July 25 at 07:08 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to Joy’s family. I had the privilege Back in the 70s to meet this strong, positive family.

Kathy Dinkel

**Kathy Dinkel** - July 31 at 02:17 PM