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Katherine Elizabeth Thompson 1/1/1917 – 9/27/2012

Where to begin the obituary of Lorain's "life of the party"? Katie died peacefully on Thursday, September 27th surrounded by her three daughters at Stop 7 in Sheffield Township, her home for more than 64 years. She was preceded in death by husbands Bob (Poopsie) Thompson, Harry (Cooner) Strickler, and William Konnerth, sister Elsie Gray, son Jerry Strickler, and son-in-law Wayne Cassidy.

She was the mother of four children, Elaine (John) Johnson, Karen Cassidy, Jerry Strickler (deceased), and Nancy (Scott) Kranstuber. She was known as Gram T or Grandma Katie to her 7 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild. She is also survived by her brother Elmer Schneider (Lorain) and sister Edna Beeman (Connecticut).

Katie grew up during the Depression and thus, was a hard worker all her life. In addition to being a pin setter and bartender at the Saxon Club bowling alley, she worked at the Lorain Crucible and the Stove Works. She also survived the 1924 Lorain tornado and would share stories of that event.

Katie was baptized and confirmed at St. John's United Church of Christ where she was a lifelong member.

Katie loved her Saxon heritage and was a member and past president of the Lorain Saxon Club Branch 11. She was thrilled to return to the Transylvania Saxon homeland a few years ago where she visited her father's boyhood home. Up until the end, she attended and enjoyed Saxon meetings each month, sitting at the club with her friends (or total strangers) and listening to everyone talk and laugh. She was also a life member of Amvets Post 47, VFW 451, and Ladies of the Moose as well as the oldest member of the Amherst Browns Backers. Friends and family would wait anxiously for Katie to open her purse, never knowing what might come out of that bag of tricks. Her favorites included rubber snakes and dog poo, the extend-a-fork, and various kinds



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of funny false teeth and glasses

Katie loved sunflowers and her cats, parades and Polka music, blue skies and green grass, warm beer (Vitamin P) and July 4th picnics.

Heaven just got a little noisier due to the party thrown for Kate's arrival. So grab a warm beer or other beverage and toast Katie Thompson's celebration of life. Memorial contributions can be made to St. John's UCC (715 Reid Avenue, Lorain, Ohio 44052). Katie would want family and friends to plant a flower, feed the birds, go to a parade, wave to your neighbor, make someone laugh, and look forward to tomorrow while always living for today.

Family will receive friends on Sunday, September 30th from 2 – 6 p.m. at Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst, where Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 1st followed by burial at Ridge Hill Memorial Park.

Friends and family may leave on line condolences at www.dovinreberjones.com



Events

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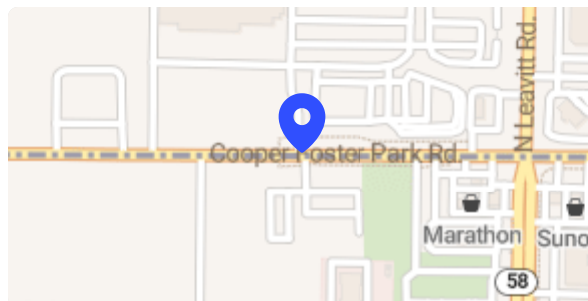
Visitation

 **Sunday**, September 30, 2012

 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET


 **Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center**

1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst OH
44001



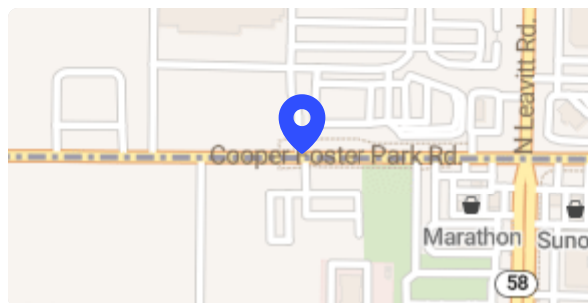
Funeral Service

 **Monday**, October 1, 2012

 11:00 AM ET

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LF

Les And Belinda Jones - Cleveland Heights, Oh - Co-Worker And Friends posted:

Nancy, I am so very sorry to hear that your Mom passed away. We have you in our thoughts and prayers and wish you and your family peace and comfort as you continue to grieve and adjust. Her bright spirit will forever be with you and we look forward to seeing you soon. Les and Belinda

September 30 at 8:00 PM

JN

Jim & Sam Gray - Conway, Sc - Nephew/Niece posted:

God bless Aunt Kate! Her and mom are now beating everyone at pinochle in heaven. Our wonderful memories will never end, nor will our love. Jim & Sam

September 30 at 8:00 PM

AF

Alma Mcclleish (Calhoun) - St. Louis, Mo - Friend posted:

Sorry that Katie is gone, but she will never be forgotten. I still remember what a wonderful cook she was. We use to pick the cherries in the back yard for her to make pies...one for the pie and two for us. I am surprised there were any cherries for the pies once we finished them. Kate was a wonderful person and I know we appreciated her more as we got older and realized how wonderful she really was. God bless you all.

September 30 at 8:00 PM

KL

Ken & Joyce Strickler - Louisville, Ky posted:

Cuz's: What a Great Lady will always remeiber her the way she lite up the room. Our condolences to all of you. We will always have you in our prayers. There has to be one "Huge" 66 game going on! Love, Ken & Joyce

September 29 at 8:00 PM

JF

Joe And Judy Calhoun - Covington, Oh - Friend posted:

To Kate's Family, We were sorry to hear about Katie, she was a good neighbor, and alot of fun to be around. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Joe and Judy Calhoun.

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SF

Sharron Powell - Lorain , Oh - Friend posted:

God bless you Katie. May you rest in peace. You will be missed by many of your friends and family.

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BF

Barbara Chapla - Long Beach, Ca - Friend posted:

During my high school years I remember spending time with Nancy at Kate & Bob's. there was always something going on or a good story. Laughter was always in the air. Heaven will be a brighter place with Kate's presence. Kate your smile and laughter will be missed.

September 28 at 8:00 PM

JA

Jeanne And Danny Gibbs - Daytona Beach, Fl - Daughter In Laws Aunt posted:

To the Thompson Family!! Our thoughts are with you at this time... We have meet this dear Lady a couple of times.. My Daughter in Law (Michelle) was very fond of this lady.. Some of the stories she has shared with us have been very enlightening.. She seemed like a very caring and giving person.. We are glad to have had the pleasure of meeting her.. May she rest in peace now.. and try not to give the Good Lord to rough of a time.. Her party if just starting. She live life to its fullest and made each day count.. May Gods light shine upon her and his perpetual light always shine upon her smiling face....

September 28 at 8:00 PM

KG

Kyle Cassidy - University Heights, Oh - Great Grandson posted:

I cant choose one single memory, one story, one goofy saying, one crazy gadget, because they all just make me smile. She was what we all aspire to be, and I am truly blessed to have had her in my life. Only have one thing to say, "K-K-K Katie, beautiful Katie, your the only G-G-G girl that I adore!!" :) Love you Grandma

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BN

Buddy & Lynne Calhoun - Lorain, Oh - Neighbor posted:

To Kate family Glad we grew up on Clinton Ave. Have some fond memories of Kate. Taking her shopping. Getting her hair done in Vermilion. T Ping Connie's house. Hope I can be like Kate & never act my age!!!! With sympathy Buddy

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CF

Carol Schneider - Arden, Nc - Once A Part Of The Wonder Family posted:

Kate was the most energetic and fun-filled person I have ever met. I have many great memories of the 4th of July parties she put on yearly that people came from all over to attend. She has the best family and I know if I feel badly about the loss, I cannot begin to understand the people who were her family. My condolences to the whole family and know that she is in a great place and will be with you forever.

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CF

Carol Schneider - Arden, Nc - Once Part Of Family posted:

God bless you, Aunt Kate. You will never be forgotten.

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MF

Mary Schuffert Schuerger - Avon Lake, Oh - Saxon Friend posted:

MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF KATIE! AS A LONGTIME FRIEND OF MY DAD, ANDY SCHUFFERT..KATIE WAS A WONDERFUL AND FUNNY LADY! ALWAYS LIKED HER WARM BEER AND HAD A SMILE ON HER FACE!! SHE WAS ONE OF A KIND AND WILL SURELY BE MISSED!!I LOVE YOU KATIE!!!MARY SCHUFFERT SCHUERGER AND FAMILY

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BI

Betty And Dave Kranstuber - North Myrtle Beach, Sc - Scott's Brother & Sister In Law posted:

Kate was a one of a kind wonderful person! I know you will miss her beautiful smile and sense of humor! We were happy to have her visit us when you brought her on vacation to South Carolina a few years ago. Wish we could be with you to celebrate her life, but our thoughts and prayers will be with you both, love you, Betty and Dave

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KF

Karen And Bob Semrau - Lorain, Oh - Friend posted:

We remember her for her Birthdays celebrated on New Years Eve at the VFW in Lorain. Katie was definety the life of the party and will be missed. Now her and my mom can dance in Heaven as they had known each other from Church.Rest in Peace.

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EF

Eleanor Northeim - Amherst, Oh - Friend posted:

What a lady and great friend. Katie always had a special place in my heart because of her friendliness, whitt and humor. She also shared the same birthday with my Mother. I really loved this most loving person even though I didn't see her alot. May you rest in peace and when we hear any rumbling from above we will know you are having a great party.....Some day we will all be together to party with you again.....

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CF

Carolyn & Darryl Mroski - Lorain, Oh - Good Friend posted:

KATIE WAS THE GREATEST AND THE FUNNIEST PERSON EVER! I'M GOING TO MISS HER JOKES AND HER SMILE.SHE WAS A WONDERFUL LADY AND I KNEW HER A LONG TIME THRU THE SAXON CLUB! RIP KATIE & I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU!

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Katherine by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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