



## Joyce Emmons

September 10, 1928 - January 22, 2024

Joyce Emmons, 95, longtime Manteno resident, peacefully passed away on Monday, January 22, 2024.

She was born on September 10, 1928 in Imperial Heights MI to the late Adolph and Ruth (Symons) Holstein. She married Jack Emmons on August 20, 1947.

Joyce was a teacher, with a career spanning almost 6 decades. She began as an English teacher, and then became credentialed in Special Education, which she taught for many years. She provided excellent support to hundreds of children over her career. When she retired at 80 years old, she continued to tutor children who needed additional support. On the occasion of her 90th birthday Joyce reflected on her experiences in teaching, noting: "In the schools, there are lots of children who get left behind because they have problems that haven't been recognized yet. With teaching and tutoring, I love seeing the progress the students make. Tutoring makes me feel like I still have a purpose in life." There was never a limit to her interest in helping learners young and old. Many of her students returned to her for additional support when they were in college, and sometimes beyond. "I wish I could help them all," Joyce said. "I'll just keep offering — that's all I can do." It was that spirit of generosity to her students and desire to help them that was a driving force throughout her life.

Surviving are her two daughters, Cheryl Emmons of Mt. Vernon IL; Karen Emmons of Newtonville MA; her son David of Fon du Lac WI; her grandson

Max Posner; and two nieces. Joyce was preceded in death by her parents Adolph and Ruth Holstein, sister Joan Prin, and husband Jack Emmons. A celebration of Joyce's life will be held at Brown-Jensen Funeral Home in Manteno on Saturday, February 3, 2024, from 3 - 5 pm with a service at 4:15 pm.

Interment will take place at the Ishpeming Cemetery in Ishpeming MI.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Joyce's name to benefit the ALIVE Literacy Program, at the Kankakee Community College Foundation. [www.Foundation.kcc.edu/give/form/general](http://www.Foundation.kcc.edu/give/form/general)

# Cemetery Details

## Ishpeming Cemetery

Ishpeming, MI 49849

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 3. 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM (CT)

Brown-Jensen Funeral Home  
21 N Main St  
Manteno, IL 60950

## Service

FEB 3. 4:15 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KR

“ I was privileged to teach with Joyce in Bradley. She was a wonderful person to work with and I will always remember her.  
My sincere condolences to her family.  
Karen Riml

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**Karen Riml** - February 05, 2024 at 11:22 AM

TM

“ Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Joyce Emmons



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**Tom Mallaney** - January 29, 2024 at 05:30 AM

TF

“ Sweet Mrs. Emmons was a blessing to all of our family. She started out as a tutor to our daughter and ended up being a wonderful, thoughtful, caring friend to all of us. She was the smartest too! God Bless Her and her beautiful family.  
She is a true Angel in Heaven now.



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**The Bill Knobbe Family** - January 27, 2024 at 12:40 PM

TF

“ *The Bill Knobbe Family lit a candle in memory of Joyce Emmons*



**The Bill Knobbe Family** - January 27, 2024 at 12:30 PM

MB

“ *Mary Blum lit a candle in memory of Joyce Emmons*



**Mary Blum** - January 27, 2024 at 11:09 AM

GR

“ *She was such a wonderful lady. She worked with one of my daughters when she was in second grade the whole school year.*

**George Reichardt** - January 26, 2024 at 08:02 PM

CW

“ *Cora Williams Weisenberger lit a candle in memory of Joyce Emmons*



**Cora Williams Weisenberger** - January 25, 2024 at 10:57 AM

CW

*Thank you, Mrs. Emmons, for your dedication to teaching and your students.*

**Cora Williams Weisenberger** - January 25, 2024 at 10:58 AM

CH

“ *Such a lovely woman. She was my neighbor for all of my childhood. She hosted the best birthday parties for Cheryl and Karen. My thoughts and prayers are with her children. Mrs Emmons will be missed by many.*

charm hubbs-faulkner - January 24, 2024 at 10:59 PM

MF

“ *Michael Favors lit a candle in memory of Joyce Emmons*



Michael Favors - January 24, 2024 at 07:53 PM

RH

“ *My condolences to the family. Sending prayers.*



Renee Hoots - January 24, 2024 at 06:03 PM

BH

“ *Bryan & Joelene Hays lit a candle in memory of Joyce Emmons*



Bryan & Joelene Hays - January 24, 2024 at 01:42 PM