

Jane M. Carpenter

August 31, 1920 -- April 22, 2011



Jane M. Carpenter was born in Hamilton, Ohio on August 31, 1920, daughter of Samuel Deeter and Jane Celeste (Whitaker) Mohler. She attended DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, where she met her future husband, Guy D. Carpenter; on August 1, 1943 they were married in Hamilton, Ohio. In 1941, they purchased their lease at Lake Louise, in the birches atop a hill on the north side of the lake. There they built a log cabin in 1946, where annual month-long vacations brought meaning and connections to the whole family.

Jane worked as a teacher, librarian, homemaker, and United Methodist minister's wife. She and Guy had three children: Paul, Ann, and John. The family lived in Batesville, Greensburg, Evansville, and Franklin, Indiana during Guy's ministry. After his retirement, Jane and Guy lived in Greenwood, Indiana, then Stevensville, Michigan. In 1990 they moved to Gaylord, Michigan, where they shared a home with Ann's family.

Jane had 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Her greatest joy was her family, and she also found profound meaning in the natural world. Throughout her life she supported many environmental and humanitarian causes. She faithfully cared for her husband through a long illness, and is remembered by her family for her generosity and steadfast support of those she loved. Proud to have reached the age of 90 1/2 years, she died on April 22, 2011 in her home with family at her side.