



Kathryn Marjorie Crowell Michener

January 4, 1915 - May 8, 2010

Kathryn Marjorie Crowell Michener, age 95 of Kingston, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her family on May 8, 2010. She was born on January 4, 1915, in Walkill, NY to John and Georgiana Crowell. Kay was married for 60 years to her University of Michigan sweetheart, Larry, who preceded her in death in January 2001. Kay and Larry met at a "Victoria" dance in Ann Arbor, Michigan and married in 1940. The Micheners moved to Oak Ridge in 1943 where Larry worked with the Manhattan Project. Kay received her undergraduate degree at St. Petersburg Jr. College, Fla. and Columbia Teacher College, NY. Her masters degree in psychology was from the University of Michigan. She was a teacher in Oak Ridge and then she became the first accredited special education teacher in Roane County in 1957. She taught at the old Kingston Elementary, Fairview, Cherokee and Emory Heights Schools. Oma, as she was affectionately known by her grandchildren, was blessed with 25 years retirement, during which she and Larry traveled overseas and across the United States by RV. She was an inspiration and comfort to everyone she met, regardless of age, and was always known to have an open kitchen and an open home. She is survived by her five daughters Mariana Oonk and Berty Brown of Kingston, Cathy Wacksman of Tallahassee, Fla., Martha Chandler of Broad Run, Va., and Laura Lee Stephenson of Pinkerington, Ohio; grandchildren, Anneke Oonk, Kingston, Michael and Milara Oonk, Texas, Jimmy Wacksman, Fla., Georgiana Wacksman, VA. and Kathryn Isted, Ga.; Robert Stephenson and

Roberta Haeffle, NC., and Polk Brown, Kingston; and seven great grandchildren, including Lyric Rivera of Kingston. She is also survived by her brother Robert Crowell of Atlantic Beach, Fla. She was an active member of Bethel Presbyterian Church in Kingston, the Fort Southwest Point DAR, '43 Club of Oak Ridge, Republican Women's Club, Rotary Club, Prison Ministry, RCRTA, St. Andrews Society and the Huguenot Society of New Paltz, NY. A founding member of the prison ministry, Kay said she felt blessed by the tears and prayers she shared with the men in MorganCounty prison. Kay touched so many lives through her involvement in these organizations. Her legacy of hospitality and civic devotion will live on in the hearts of all who have known her. She will be greatly missed.

Her family will receive friends from 2 until 4p.m.Saturday, May 15, 2010 at Bethel Presbyterian Church in Kingston. Funeral service will follow with Debbie Hyder and Mike Justice officiating. Interment will be that morning for the family members at RoaneMemorialGardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bethel Presbyterian Church, building fund or Home Health Care of East Tennessee, Inc. and Hospice.

Tribute Wall

EB

“ Sorry for your loss. She was a special lady. We will say a prayer for you all.

Eric, Leo, and Maxwell Brown - June 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ To all the wonderful girls and family,
You were so blessed to have such a wonderful mother grandmother,
aunt, etc..... Our hearts go out to all of you in this very difficult time.
She will never be forgotten. :)

Kim, Steve and Caitlyn Valenta - June 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Martha,
Our deepest condolences to you and your family in the loss of your
dear Mother. I know from personal experience how much you will
miss her. She was such a great lady and had such a wonderful and
accomplished life. God's Blessings to you and your family at this
sad time!
Susan (McClure) Bolt

Susan Bolt - May 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Dear Michener clan,
Please accept our regrets for being unable to attend Aunt Kay's
funeral. Our prayers are with all. She was a truly amazing woman.
Love,
Peter, Susan, Eric and Laura

Peter & Susan Gajentan - May 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ It has been many years since we have been in contact but we certainly have you in our prayers today. We have many fond memories of the days when our children were younger at Fellowship in Tallahassee and we had much to commiserate about in those days. Nikki also sends her love and thoughts. Al & Diane Smith

Al & Diane Smith - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Cathy and family,
You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Your mother sounded like a wonderful, loving Christian woman. If you carry all the happy times in your heart, maybe it won't seem so heavy.
With sympathy
Marie

Marie Currier - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Cathy,
Peace be with you and your family. I lost my mother just last year and so I can feel the pain and sorrow you are having. Please know that you are missed in our Church Family and we send our sympathy to you and your family.
Love to you and your family, Pat Smith

Pat Smith - May 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Cathy:
My thoughts and prayers are with you. Your mom sounded like a wonderful, dedicated Christian woman.
Betty

Betty Sprouse - May 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Cathy: Our condolences on the loss of your Mom. She led a good life and had many accomplishments. You can always be proud of having her as your Mom.*

Ken and Glenda Wilson - May 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *Cathy,
Melanie and I both want to extend our heart felt sympathy to you and your family at the loss of your mother. Having loss my mom a little over a year ago, I understand what you're going through. It is a very difficult time, but remember she now rests in the arms of our Lord and is no longer suffering. We go on, but there's no filling the void left behind. She may be gone from here, but her love surely remains in your heart and the hearts of her family. Be at peace knowing she now lives a new life in a better place with no pain and suffering. You and your family remain in our prayers.*

Cliff & Melanie Jordan - May 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *Cathy,
Eddie and I would like to express our deepest sympathies to you in the loss of your lovely mother.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Angie & Eddie Hendry - May 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Cathy and all the family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you . Your Mom sounds like someone we would have enjoyed knowing. You were blessed to have had her for so long. May the peace of Our Lord keep you strong.

Pat & Charlie

Pat Field - May 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ Cathy,
Your mom must have lead a very fulfilling life with a loving family. May your family be comforted to know she is no longer suffering and is in a much better place. Our thoughts and prayers continue for your family.

Nancy and Rick Hoffmann - May 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ We miss you already Oma. Thank you for always welcoming everyone into your home and into your heart. We hope to continue your legacy of kindness and compassion for everyone no matter whom they are or where they come from.

Jaimi, Jimmy and Evelyn Wacksman - May 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Although Chuck and I never met Mrs. Michener, we feel as if we knew her through the wonderful, loving stories told by her family. We are thinking of all of you in this time of need.
With Love, Chuck and Christina Howell

Chuck and Christina Howell - May 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Dear Michener clan, et al,
So sorry for your loss, Aunt Kay was a very special person to y'all
and all the Crowell's. We enjoyed our Tennessee trips visiting your
mom and dad. They were great people to know and love.
Tom & Joni Gajentan

Tom and Joni gajentan - May 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Cathy,
Sorry to hear about your Mom. I enjoyed being your neighbor.
Gary

Gary McCown - May 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ To all the Michener girls,
Your mom was the best neighborhood mom. Yes, her kitchen and
home were always open. She was a great inspiration to all of those
who had the pleasure of knowing her. So very sorry for your loss.
Terri, Tracy and girls

Terri Martin Stiles - May 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Kathy and sisters
I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. You and your family will
be in my prayers. Just be thankful that you had her as many years
as you did. You were blessed.
Jan(ice) Barnes Nelson

Jan Barnes - May 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ *My deepest condolences to the Michener family. Love, Ann Jamieson (descendant of Keturah Crowell Booth)*

Ann (Booth) Jamieson - May 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Mariana, Cathy, Martha, Laura Lee, and Birdy, Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you and your families. Aunt Kay was a wonderful and loving person and we will miss her. My mother used to tell the story about the morning I was born. Because Kay called while Mom was in labor my mother was sure she would finally have a girl. Much love, Your cousin Susan, Keith, Lauren and Emily*

Susan, Keith, Lauren and Emily Bingham - May 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Kay was such a beautiful lady, so gracious and so fun to be with. My life has been blessed by her being in it. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Patsy*

Patsy Blanchard - May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM