



## Ruth Janet "Jan" Reid

July 9, 1926 - July 21, 2013

Ruth Janet "Jan" Reid

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Ruth Janet (Jan) (Fuerstenau) Reid, who suffered a massive stroke last week.

Jan was a long time resident of Avoca, living on a centennial farm with her husband William (Bill) and their seven children.

She was a graduate of Richmond High School and Michigan State University and served as a County Home Demonstration Agent with the MSU Extension Service for many years before marrying and starting her family. Jan was also an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Yale, where she served as an Elder, Deacon and Choir Director for over 30 years. She was also a 4-H instructor for the Mill Creek 4-H Club. She moved to the Charlotte, Michigan area to be nearer her family.

She is predeceased by her husband Bill and daughter Barbara, and survived by her brother Gordon Fuerstenau and his wife Phyllis. She is also survived by her children William (Bill) and his wife Terri; Anne; Charles (Chuck) and his wife Linda; Robert (Rob) and his wife Terri; Kenneth (Ken) and his wife Kim; and Katherine (Kathy) and her husband Matt. She is also survived by her grandchildren Ryan Reid, Rachel Reid, Katie Reid, Alex Kleckner, Adam Kleckner, Maggie Reid, Danielle Kleckner, Jack Reid, William Kleckner and Mackenzie Reid.

Visitation will be held Saturday, July 27, 2013 at the First Presbyterian Church

of Yale, located at 3 East Mechanic Street, Yale, Michigan from 9:30-11:00 am, with the funeral service at 11:00 am, followed by a brief service at Elmwood Cemetery, Yale. Rev. James Offrink, pastor, will officiate. A luncheon to celebrate Jan's life will be held at the church immediately following. Memorials are suggested to "Wishes of the Family".

For information and Guest Book  
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# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
3 East Mechanic Street  
Yale, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ My sincere sympathy goes out to your family. Your Mom and Dad's friendship was very important to my parents and something they cherished. Their memory will live on as Dad continues to tell "stories" of experiences they shared.  
(Daughter of Jason and Mary Lou Shinn)##imported-begin##Phyllis Shinn##imported-end##

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July 27, 2013 at 11:31 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of the times your family and mine got together whether it was at the beach at Lexington, the church, or as our families helped each other out getting crops harvested. Your parents were the first who reached out to my parents when they moved down. Your mother was a very elegant lady. Again my sympathies.  
Janis Shinn (Jason and Mary Lou's daughter)##imported-begin##Janis Shinn##imported-end##

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July 27, 2013 at 06:22 PM



“ Jan was such an inspiration. Her dedication, leadership and selflessness was an example for Christian life. Her legacy of service and generosity will live on.  
She has been so missed since her move. Our prayers are with her family.##imported-begin##Nancy and bob LePla##imported-end##

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July 26, 2013 at 09:43 PM



“ It is with great sadness hearing of the loss of your mother and my friend. I was blessed to have served for many years with your mother at our church. She was a wonderful lady and I will miss her. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Mark Daniels##imported-end##

July 26, 2013 at 11:33 AM



“ With Jan's daughter Kathy married to our son Matt, we shared four wonderful grand children. She was part of our family and we will miss her.##imported-begin##Marlin & Sherry Kleckner##imported-end##

July 25, 2013 at 07:44 PM



“ Dear Reid family, I am so sorry about your mother. I am unable to attend the funeral, but you will be in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Cindy Kindel##imported-end##

July 24, 2013 at 02:42 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom, she was a wonderful person. Growing up in our neighborhood we knew each other well. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.  
God Bless you all, Love, Therese##imported-begin##Therese (Cowhy) Don Ekelund ##imported-end##

July 24, 2013 at 09:21 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. She was a wonderful lady.##imported-begin##Christie Bricker Brown##imported-end##

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July 23, 2013 at 03:16 PM