



## Waneta Hawes

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Assured of her salvation, Waneta Hawes went to be with her Lord on April 16, 2025. She was predeceased by her parents Metha Whitney Stevens and Rev. Merton L. Stevens, and her brother, Whitney Stevens (Marilyn). Waneta was also predeceased by her husband, James Hawes, Walter Stobaugh, the father of her much-loved children, and Keith Stobaugh, her son.

Waneta is survived by her children, Kurt Stobaugh (Patti Jo), Joyia Lopez (Jimmy,) and Lisa Barry (Chuck). Waneta also leaves behind a brother, John (Jane), 7 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and one cousin.

Waneta was very active at the Village of East Harbor, as well as the Presbyterian Village Foundation. She was a member of the Board of Trustees and spearheaded the campaign to build the chapel at the Village, which was completed in the spring of 2010. Friday night game night with her friends was always special and she was Queen of her chapter of the Red Hat Ladies.

Waneta enjoyed retirement. She wintered in Florida for many years at Windmill Village Park. Her brother, Whitney, and his wife, Marilyn, also lived in the park and life was full of fun. Waneta organized the Crafty Ladies Craft Club, variety shows, game nights, potlucks, and so many other activities. If there was a party to plan, she was part of it.

Waneta leaves a legacy of family, laughter and unconditional love. She will be greatly missed.

A service to celebrate Waneta's life will be held at the Village of East Harbor at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Village of East Harbor Chapel endowment fund, or the charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

SO

“ I thank God for the gift of Waneta's unconditional love and friendship in my life!  
We met years ago @ Knox church and served together @ the Detroit Rescue Mission ministry once a month. I was so blessed to have served alongside her @ the Village of East Harbor with fundraising efforts to build a chapel. By God's grace and her obedience to the call the chapel was built!  
Waneta said: " God gave me the vision He'll make the provision"! And so HE did!  
Waneta's unwavering faith, obedience and love for God & all His people, fills my heart with abundant joy every day!  
We traveled to Israel together in 2007 & baptized in the Jordan River. A blessing of a lifetime!  
"We walked where Jesus walked"! These beautiful memories of Waneta and Israel permeates my every being!  
There's so much more that fills my heart and mind about her, but everyone who knew her, loved her and there's just not enough words that exemplify her beauty inside and out!  
God bless her amazing family, for the honor and privilege of knowing & loving your precious Waneta. She was a kiss from heaven!  
My heartfelt condolences & love,  
Sue Osborne

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Susan Marie Osborne - April 27, 2025 at 08:16 AM

RF

“ We were saddened to hear of the passing of a sweet lady, Waneta, whom we have known through a Bible study at American House in Rochester Hills for the past 7 years. She loved the Lord Jesus with ALL her heart and enjoyed so much talking about Him. We rejoice that she is dancing before the Throne in Heaven now. She always had a kind word to share with the group and enjoyed listening to others talk about their faith. She was THE reason we kept coming back to the group each week. We are so blessed that the Lord allowed us to become her friends and to get to know her. May she enjoy her new life with the Lord.

*"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake." Psalm 23:1-3*

*"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust." Psalm 91:1-2*

*Enjoy your new home in Heaven, Waneta, we will see you SOON.*

*Bob & Irene Frutiger  
Rochester Hills, MI*

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**Robert Frutiger** - April 24, 2025 at 08:42 AM

PP

“ My deepest sympathy to all the family. Waneta was a special friend, a great travel partner, an all-round fun person to be with and I miss her greatly.

*She has taken her bright candle and is gone  
Into another room, I cannot find.  
But anyone can tell where she has been,  
By all the little lights she leaves behind.*

*Peg Place, Bradenton, Florida*

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**Peg Place** - April 21, 2025 at 11:15 PM

DF

“ A beautiful lady Miss Waneta was, I worked at the Village when Miss Waneta began her goal in campaigning for the beautiful chapel which is now a part of the campus at East Harbor. Your time in making this chapel a reality will be cherished always.

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**Denise Funke** - April 19, 2025 at 07:10 PM