



Roberta Lee Ouper

September 13, 1952 - November 2, 2019

Roberta Lee Ouper, 67, (nee Laxstrom) of Antioch, Illinois was born on September 13, 1952 and passed away peacefully on November 2nd, 2019 to be with our Lord while flying to Australia for a family vacation. Roberta was the loving wife of Jerry Ouper, dear mother of Andy and Jeff (Jason Giesey), sister of Molly Ciliberti, and loving aunt and friend of many.

Roberta loved all children and volunteered her time and creativity as “Picture Lady” and “Mrs. Wizard” for Lake Villa Elementary School District 41 where she also served on the Board of Education from 1989 – 1993. More recently, Roberta was a children services program coordinator for the Round Lake Area Library and spent over a decade reading books to children, retiring in early 2012.

A lifelong Chicago Cubs fan, Roberta was overjoyed when the team won the World Series in 2016 after having grown up on Roscoe Street in Chicago which is only a few blocks away from historic Wrigley Field. This passion was combined with her love of Christmas as she was insistent that a Chicago Cubs ornament be hung on one of the many Christmas trees the family decorated as part of their Christmas tradition. Under Roberta’s direction, the family’s Christmas decorating activities slowly grew to include over 15 decorated Christmas trees and 100 village buildings arranged in different settings. Roberta enjoyed sharing these decorations and her love of

Christmas by hosting an open house celebration known as the “Ouper Holiday House Walk”.

Later in life, Roberta enjoyed traveling around the globe with a visit to England and Scotland, Ireland, Italy, China, and Germany. The family would like to extend a very special thank-you to the doctors and nurse aboard Qantas Flight #12 who cared for Roberta during her final moments of life. Heartfelt thanks are also extended to the amazing crew aboard the jetliner who consoled the family immediately after her passing.

Visitation will be Monday, November 18th, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 South Milwaukee Avenue (Rte. 83), Lake Villa, Illinois. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Tuesday, November 19th, 2019 with prayers beginning at 9:15 a.m. at the funeral home proceeding to 10:00 a.m. Service of Death and Resurrection at Lake Villa United Methodist Church, 110 McKinley Avenue. Interment and Service of Committal will follow immediately thereafter at Millburn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lake Villa United Methodist Church, the Preservation Foundation of the Lake County Forest Preserves, or extend a warm compliment or show kindness to someone in need. For flowers, please consider Laura's Flower Shoppe 847-356-1150.

Cemetery Details

Millburn Cemetery

Millburn Road and Crawford Road
Millburn, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847) 356-2146
info@ringafuneralhome.com
<https://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

Prayers

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Service

NOV **19**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Lake Villa United Methodist Church
110 McKinley Ave
Lake Villa, IL 60046

Tribute Wall



“ *Roberta Lee Ouper*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Roberta Lee Ouper*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *My prayers go out to Gerry, Andy, and Jeff. She was an incredible woman with a wonderful smile. Her talents were limitless. Her Christmas open house walks were epic. She will be missed.*

Gail Wirtz, ex co-worker from Round Lake Area Library

Gail Wirtz - November 27, 2019 at 11:05 AM



“ *To Friends & Family of Roberta Ouper-
On behalf of the Ouper family, I want to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers, and time spent with us celebrating Roberta's life during the services held earlier this week. Even if you just sent an e-mail or posted a message on this Tribute Wall, the family thanks you. I know that Roberta's life will live on in the hearts of her family, friends, and young ones that she touched.*

Andy Ouper

Andy Ouper - November 21, 2019 at 09:53 PM

AO

“ *Andy Ouper lit a candle in memory of Roberta Lee Ouper*



Andy Ouper - November 21, 2019 at 09:42 PM

DA

“ *So sorry to hear about Roberta. She was a constant at the Round Lake Library where I worked with her in the youth department. Her many storytimes and programs were loved by many. Prayers to the family.*

Deb Allen

deb allen - November 21, 2019 at 03:53 PM

AO

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Andy Ouper - November 18, 2019 at 01:57 PM

JM

“ *Jerry - so sorry to hear of your sudden loss. JB & Judy Morrow - Sara Lee alumni.*

JB Morrow - November 18, 2019 at 01:42 PM

AA

“ Anderson Mikos Architects purchased the Laven der Reflections Spray for the family of Roberta Lee Ouper.



Anderson Mikos Architects - November 18, 2019 at 10:14 AM

AO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Andrew Ouper - November 17, 2019 at 06:56 PM

JA

“ Roberta was one of my special students. She was in my Honors English I class and four years of French classes at Lake View High School. She used to write her English essays with a pen that had four colors in in the filler. Each word was a different color. I had to put a stop to it after it started driving me crazy! Roberta was a wonderful student and a joy to have in class. She was of six students I selected to be on one of the Academic teams I coached which appeared on TV. We kept in touch after she graduated, much to my pleasure. My life was enriched by her. She will be missed.

Joy Alfonsi, Niles, II

Joy Alfonsi - November 17, 2019 at 05:44 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Roberta Lee Ouper.*



November 17, 2019 at 12:48 PM



“ *11 files added to the album Memories Album*



Mark Porter - November 15, 2019 at 05:10 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



K - November 15, 2019 at 04:31 PM

AO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Andy Ouper - November 15, 2019 at 01:44 PM

KW

“ *Kevin Matson & Linda Wabanimkee purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Roberta Lee Ouper.*



Kevin Matson & Linda Wabanimkee - November 15, 2019 at 11:49 AM

JG

“ *Jason Giesey purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Roberta Lee Ouper.*



Jason Giesey - November 15, 2019 at 10:15 AM

SP

“ *Jerry and family,
Prayers for your family as you go through this difficult time. I
remember all the good visits we had as kids when we went to
Chicago and at grandmother Lewis's for family reunions.
May the Lord embrace you and give you comfort.*

Jean and Willie Pierce

Sharon Pierce - November 15, 2019 at 10:12 AM

JY

“ *Gerry and kids.... Cheryl and I wish to send our deepest
condolences to you at this time. I can still see Roberta's smiling face
when I sat next to her that fateful day in 1969 Physics class lab. I
only passed with a lowly C due to her help. Little did I know that
we'd become good friends over the years and visit with you as you
guys moved from home to home ending up in Antioch.
We'll be thinking of you all as you honor her life.*

Jim and Cheryl Yee

James Yee - November 15, 2019 at 09:42 AM

AO

“ To my loving mother-

*Wonderful Mother
By Patrick O'Reilly*

*"God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old;
He made her smile of the sunshine.
And He moulded her heart of pure gold;
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
In her cheeks fair roses you see;
God made a wonderful mother,
And He gave that dear mother to me."*

I miss you so much already. Rest in peace.

*Love,
Your Son
Andy Ouper*

Andy Ouper - November 15, 2019 at 08:39 AM

AS

“ *Andy & Family, my deep condolences for the loss in your family. My prayers will be with you and your family. Andreas Symeonides*

Andreas Symeonides - November 15, 2019 at 08:21 AM

AO

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Andrew Ouper - November 14, 2019 at 06:19 PM

AF

“ So sorry for your loss prayers to you and your family Alan and Joyce Frayer

Alan Frayer - November 14, 2019 at 11:14 AM



“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Ringa Funeral Home and Cremation Service - November 14, 2019 at 10:43 AM