



Ennis Hope Keller

July 18, 1931 - January 11, 2022

Ennis Hope Keller, 90, of Jackson, Ohio passed away peacefully at her home on January 11, 2022.

Born on July 18, 1931 in Wytheville, Virginia, she is the daughter of the late Rupert and Avis Leedy of Oak Hill, Ohio. Raised and educated in Ohio, Hope earned her bachelor's degree in Education from Rio Grande College and taught as a kindergarten teacher at Park View and South Street grade schools in Jackson for 32 years. She also taught Sunday school at Jackson Christian Church, where she was a member. She is well known and remembered by many of her students.

Hope had a passion for the arts and loved music. She was a skilled pianist and organist, playing at various churches in Jackson throughout the years and was choir director at the Jackson Christian Church. She also played the violin and dulcimer, teaching piano and violin lessons after retirement. Hope enjoyed sing was a member of Laura's Harmonettes and did enjoy planning music programs for community events like Jackson's Fourth of July celebration. Hope was also a member of the 1948 Jackson Apple Festival Court.

Always searching for her next activity, Hope's passions extended into painting, gardening, genealogy, crafting and antiques.

Hope was active in her community as a contributing member of the American Cancer Society, the Red Hat Society, the Rio Grande College Bell Tower Committee, Delta Kappa Gamma, and the Garden Club of Jackson. She participated in the planting of seasonal flowers at her alma mater campus and promoted the planting of Buckeye and Paw Paw trees throughout the county.

Above all she loved life by being with family and friends whenever possible and giving support to those in need. She stressed the importance of the church as a necessary part of a good life.

Hope is preceded in death by her parents, her brother Dean Leedy, sister Charlene McKenzie, granddaughter Morgan Keller and former spouse, Pat Keller.

She is survived by her sons Tony Keller (Becky) of Oak Hill, Virginia, and Scott Keller (former spouse, Sarah) of Westerville, Ohio; grandchildren Rikki Robertson (Josh), Nick Keller (Emily) and Aaron Keller, and five great grandchildren, Brinlynn, Teague, Morgan, Kenzie, Theo; her sisters Vivian Bevins and Mary Evans-Clark and brother Donald Leedy; many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and extended family and friends.

The world has been truly blessed to have had her love and compassion and will mourn the loss of her beautiful and caring soul. She is now with our lord and savior, Jesus.

Funeral services will be held at the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home, 135 Broadway Street, Jackson, Ohio on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 1:00 p.m., with Pastor Hannah Niday officiating. Burial will follow at Fairmount Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home for two hours prior to the service from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The family respectfully requests all attendees wear masks.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family at: www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com

Arrangements are by the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Fairmount Cemetery

12 Fairmont St
Jackson, OH 45640
(740) 286-2090

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home
135 Broadway Street
Jackson, OH 45640
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ Tony and Scott, so many good memories of your mother. The many Thanksgivings, Christmas and Easters spent on the Leedy farm with family. Her career as a kindergarten teacher touched many lives, putting them on the road to success. Her love of music and the joy of sharing with others in church, was an inspiration to all. She was and is beloved by her family and community. With condolences to you and the Leedy family..... Jeff McKenzie

Jeff McKenzie - January 22, 2022 at 12:13 PM

SK

Thank you, Jeff. I remember those days down on Grandpa's farm well. Mom had a good life in a good town, surrounded with many friends and relatives.

Scott Keller - February 19, 2022 at 05:33 PM

JP

“ My thoughts are you Tony...family ..Scott and family ..in this time of sadness...Hope was so active....full life...best wishes...JoAnn Pedigo ..

JoAnn Pedigo - January 21, 2022 at 09:52 PM

SK

Thank you, JoAnn. I appreciate your thoughts. I have many good memories playing with Randy, John and Jay in your yard - whiffle ball games and sledding down that big hill in your yard. I'm sorry to see that your husband and Randy have passed away. Randy was a good friend and we has many good times growing up in Jackson.

Scott Keller - February 19, 2022 at 05:40 PM

JR

“ Scott and Tony so sorry for your loss. Aunt Hope was such a beautiful lady. She was a wonderful kindergarten teacher who has touched many lives. Aunt Hope was a very talented lady. Playing the piano, organ and directing the church choir. She will be greatly missed by all. Praying for all family and friends.

Jozie Roberts - January 21, 2022 at 03:34 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ennis Hope Keller.



January 21, 2022 at 12:13 PM

JC

“ Hope was my kindergarten teacher as well as my choir director at church. She was a wonderful lady that will be greatly missed!

Jackie Curtis - January 18, 2022 at 05:04 PM

PM

“ Hope was my kindergarten teacher. She was a wonderful teacher. She would see you 25 years later and remember you. RIP Mrs. Keller.

Pat McGoan - January 17, 2022 at 01:49 AM

VW

“ Hope was one of my Mother’s (Patty Howell) very best friends. Hope was included in many family dinners and outings. She held a very special place in her heart for my grandson Evan. She wrote and illustrated a book for his birthday one year. Hope was always so much fun in Garden Club. Her many talents will be missed and I will miss stopping to see her and our chats about her and my Mother. You have had a good life my dear friend. You and Patty can arrange flowers and enjoy each other’s company once again in heaven. Love you my friend.
Vicki Howell Williams

Vicki Williams - January 15, 2022 at 08:28 PM

SK

Thank you Vicki. Mom talked frequently about her escapades with Patty. I'm glad she had wonderful friends like Patty and you to pal around with. She always had so much fun with Patty.

Scott Keller - February 19, 2022 at 05:50 PM

BM

“ So sorry for your loss. Hope was a very talented person and will be greatly missed.
Love to all the family
Beverly

Beverly Morris - January 15, 2022 at 05:16 PM

BM

“ Beverly Morris lit a candle in memory of Ennis Hope Keller



Beverly Morris - January 15, 2022 at 05:14 PM

RH

Mrs. Keller was my Kindergarten teacher at South Street School and she was our sons' Kindergarten teacher at Parkview. A true Blessing for us both to have her as our first "Teacher". What a wonderful remarkable life she had. She touched so many people in a positive way. We sure could use more like Hope Keller in this world. Deepest condolences to the family and friends in their loss.

REED HUNT - January 18, 2022 at 06:43 AM

DJ

Sending my heartfelt sympathy to you Scott and Tony as well as the rest of your family. It's a day for a bit of sadness but more importantly, it's a day of celebration for your mom and her life including her life here with us and her new life in Heaven.

Don Jenkins - January 22, 2022 at 12:06 PM

SK

Thank you, Beverly, Reed and Don. Mom had a good life in Jackson, with many friends. One of her favorite things in later life was to encounter and be recognized by her former students. Many, like you Reed, had children that were also taught by her. She truly enjoyed teaching Kindergarten and helping shape young minds. Mom was a good friend with Don's mother, Marva, and had lots of adventures with her. I'll bet they are somewhere cooking up new projects...

Scott Keller - February 19, 2022 at 06:01 PM