



# Josephine Draves



Jo was born in Detroit, MI on February 23, 1931. She moved to Midland with her parents when she was 5 years old. She attended Dow Elementary School and later graduated from Dow High School. One of Jo's fondest memories is singing at Carnegie Hall in New York with her high school choir.

Jo met her husband Fenton Draves, at an Oddfellows dance while in high school and they married on July 22, 1950. Fenton was a very handsome man who supported his family by working as a pipe fitter and welder. They were blessed with over 50 years of marriage and had one daughter, Rhonda Lee, and three sons, Rodney, Gary and Martin. Fenton passed away three years ago. Dancing was an important part of their marriage, and they especially enjoyed square dancing and ballroom dancing. Jo especially remembers family vacations when they were able to rent a cottage on Crooked Lake and they enjoyed fishing.

Jo worked in an office at Dow Chemical for several years and also enjoyed cake decorating for many years. She was a very talented decorator having created many beautiful wedding cakes, which her husband helped deliver.

Jo attends St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Midland every Sunday. She has had a good life and currently spends her time doing "Word Find" and jigsaw puzzles. Jo has lived at Community Village since 2011 and likes the food and people here. Visits with her children and grandchildren are what make her the most happy these days.