



Harriet Jacobs

November 16, 2025

Harriet Jacobs, a member of Walpole Island First Nation, passed away peacefully at Meadow Park in Chatham on Sunday, November 16, 2025 at the age of 88. Harriet was the daughter of the late Ford and Emaline (Johnson) Soney. Beloved mother of Janine Kewayosh (Steven) and the late Robert Jacobs (Krystal). Dear grandmother of Stephen, Seth and Jordan Kewayosh and Brianne Jacobs, Lora Jacobs-Smith (Bobby), Joe Jacobs and Brendan Sands. Great grandmother of 7 (predeceased by Dawn and Joy) and many great great grandchildren. Sister of John Soney (the late Carol), Nancy Williams (the late Thomas) and the late Mayme Soney.

Harriet was the first supervisor for the Walpole Island Day Care Centre. Seven years later, Harriet would become the Native Studies teacher at Wallaceburg District Secondary School, encouraging and empowering youth to succeed in their academic and personal successes for over 29 years. In that time, she established the Culture Club, now known as the Future Elders Club. Harriet also coached baseball, volleyball and basketball, often driving the students to events. Upon her retirement in 2004, the Native Studies Office was renamed the Harriet Jacobs Centre at WDSS. Harriet also loved golf and watching football and her doors were always open for those in need.

Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation at the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg from 11 am to 1 pm on Friday, November 21 with the celebration of Harriet's life to follow at 1 pm.

If desired, donations to WDSS - Harriet Jacobs Centre may be left at the funeral home 519.627.3231.

Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Harriet Jacobs



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - November 21, 2025 at 10:18 AM

RC

“ Ron and I send our condolences to all the Jacob's family! Harriet was an amazing lady and her life sets an example for us all. I knew her from bowling first then high school. I always admired her and her children. She will be missed by many!



Ron Hyttenrauch and Deb Cooper - November 27, 2025 at 04:55 PM

JH

“ I only worked with Harriet for 3 years at WDSS....but in that time she taught me so much & became a lifelong friend. If we met, it was like time hadn't passed & we'd just continue our conversations. I will not forget her.....what a great lady!

Judy Hagan - November 24, 2025 at 02:20 PM

DT

“ Doug Trudel lit a candle in memory of Harriet Jacobs



Doug Trudel - November 23, 2025 at 06:29 AM

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“ 68 files added to the album Life Tributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - November 21, 2025 at 10:14 AM

SS

“ Much love and prayers to the family. You will be missed Chick ❤️ Love Susan, Taye, Ayden



Sue Soney - November 21, 2025 at 09:55 AM

RJ

“ *Sending heartfelt condolences to Janine, Steven, Krystal and families.* ”



Rae J. - November 20, 2025 at 03:54 PM

DA

“ *Darlene sent a virtual gift in memory of Harriet Jacobs* ”



Darlene - November 20, 2025 at 03:34 PM

JM

“ *Jane McGill lit a candle in memory of Harriet Jacobs* ”



Jane McGill - November 20, 2025 at 02:59 PM

DK

“ *Condolences to all that feel the loss of Harriet. There are generations of WDSS staff and students that benefitted from her mentoring and guidance. I always appreciated that her caring nature, advice and manner served me well when I first took up my role as a Vice Principal at Wallaceburg District Secondary School years ago. Decades later, at a Walpole pow wow, she welcomed me warmly, introducing me to others as a friend and former colleague. For me, that has always been a meaningful memory. D. Kelly*

Dan Kelly - November 20, 2025 at 02:04 PM

PP

“ *Pam Page lit a candle in memory of Harriet Jacobs*



Pam Page - November 20, 2025 at 12:58 PM

TB

“ *Tim Bechard lit a candle in memory of Harriet Jacobs*



Tim Bechard - November 20, 2025 at 11:38 AM

SC

“ *Harriet was such a beautiful person. She always had positive words to offer to everyone.* ”



Sharon Elaine Coyle - November 20, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ *We had the pleasure of meeting Harriet at Meadow Park. She was a very kind lady with a smile to greet anyone who stopped in to say hello. Her presence will be missed by all. Sending condolences and prayers from my family to yours.* ”



Amy Caron - November 20, 2025 at 10:16 AM

JC

“ *Sincere condolences to Harriet's family. She was an amazing woman, authentic and sincere in everything she did for students at WDSS! She taught us all and was a model of respect and decency. We are all better for having known her. Her family is in our thoughts and prayers.* ”

Julie Anne & Jim Costello - November 20, 2025 at 09:55 AM

RI

“ *Robin Isaac lit a candle in memory of Harriet Jacobs* ”



Robin Isaac - November 20, 2025 at 09:22 AM

JC

“ *My heartfelt sympathies to you Janine and your family. I first met your mom on the golf course and being the kind spirit that she was I always enjoyed being in her company. Our school was blessed to have her as an example and mentor for so many years. Keeping your family in prayer.*



Janice Conway - November 20, 2025 at 08:37 AM

JD

“ *Julie DeMeyer lit a candle in memory of Harriet Jacobs*



Julie DeMeyer - November 19, 2025 at 08:29 PM

SG

“ *Condolences to the family.*



Sondra Gilbert - November 19, 2025 at 07:52 PM

JH

“ *To the Jacobs family You have our deepest sympathy on the passing of Harriet. She was a wonderful table partner at Meadow Park (Loretta)*

John and Loretta Hendrie

John & Loretta Hendrie - November 19, 2025 at 07:37 PM

BC

“ My wife, Judy Cornell, was the attendance secretary at WDSS for almost 30yrs and I often remember her speaking kind words about Harriet and their working relationship. Judy just passed away one day sooner than Harriet.

Bill Cornell

Bill Cornell - November 19, 2025 at 05:59 PM



“ Gaylynn Gilbert sent a virtual gift in memory of Harriet Jacobs



Gaylynn Gilbert - November 19, 2025 at 04:43 PM



“ Gaylynn Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Harriet Jacobs



Gaylynn Gilbert - November 19, 2025 at 04:40 PM

DC

“ Harriet was one of the kindest people I know. She was a client of mine for many many years and I always looked forward to her visits. Gentle and soft spoken, she always had positive words and a strong heart for God. My condolences Janine. Your mother will be missed. God bless you all 🙏

Diana Cornelis - November 19, 2025 at 04:28 PM

KC

“ *It was a pleasure to know and work with Harriet. Rest in peace*



Karen Corr - November 19, 2025 at 04:22 PM

DM

“ *I am saddened by the news of Harriet’s passing. She was an excellent mentor to me at WDSS. Many bridges were built and crises avoided thanks to her kind, gentle leadership. Her motivation was singular and consistent across the years - to make the school a better place for all WDSS students - job well done Harriet. Rest in peace.*

Don Martin - November 19, 2025 at 03:24 PM

DS

“ *Donna Smith-Sutherland lit a candle in memory of Harriet Jacobs*



Donna Smith-Sutherland - November 19, 2025 at 03:00 PM



“ *Wr are going to miss you so much Chick (gram) . Thank you for being in our lives. Love always Monica & Kash Boy Pinnance*

Monica Jo Pinnance - November 19, 2025 at 02:51 PM

DM

“ Our sincerest condolences to Janine and family. She left an impression on so many people over the years through the school, golfing, or volunteering in many of the activities she participated in. She was always so positive and ready to lend a helping hand. Rest well Auntie Harriet.



Dan & Donna Miskokomon - November 19, 2025 at 02:11 PM

LR

“ My condolences to the family. Such a great lady.

Linda Routley - November 19, 2025 at 01:10 PM

SO

“ Cheers to a woman who has taught a lesson or two about being a good human in this world. Nothing but **RESPECT** and **ADMIRATION** for who she was and the impact that she will continue to have on anyone who came into contact with her.....



Shane O'Donohue - November 19, 2025 at 12:29 PM

SC

We are so very sorry for your loss. Harriet was certainly a Great Woman, who had so much knowledge to share. May she rest in peace

Sherry(Rose) Crowe - November 19, 2025 at 02:29 PM

CH

“ Sincerest condolences to Janine, the entire Jacobs family and friends. It was an honour to know Harriet and work at WDSS while she was there, truly a special lady. May she Rest in Peace.



Chris Heath - November 19, 2025 at 12:22 PM

DL

“ She was a wonderful mentor and role model in our community



Don & Kris Lee - November 19, 2025 at 11:35 AM

NK

“ Nanette Kewayosh lit a candle in memory of Harriet Jacobs



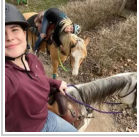
Nanette Kewayosh - November 19, 2025 at 11:23 AM

JE

“ Sending our sincere condolences. Jean (VanDamme) & Dave Elliott



Jean/Dave Elliott - November 19, 2025 at 11:02 AM



“ I met Harriett at Meadow Park Nursing Home, and from the very beginning she had a gentle way of making people feel seen and appreciated. She had a quiet strength about her—one of those souls who didn’t need to say much for you to feel her kindness. I’ll always remember the small moments with her: the soft smiles she’d give, the way her eyes would light up during conversation, and the peaceful comfort her presence brought to a room.

Harriett left a calm beauty in the lives of those who knew her, and I’m grateful that our paths crossed. She will be missed, but the warmth she shared will stay with us.

Morgan Matesic - November 19, 2025 at 10:55 AM

MC

“ So sorry to hear, Harriet was one of my favorite people, always a smile and kind words. We shared so many good times in ECE, she was a shining light at WDSS and I was always proud to call her my friend. Harriet made this world a better place and her legacy will live on. My deepest sympathy Janine, Krystal and families.



Mari Cole - November 19, 2025 at 10:46 AM

LA

“ Very sorry for your loss. She was a beautiful lady.

Laura - November 19, 2025 at 10:29 AM

RY

“*Rose-Marie Yazbeck lit a candle in memory of Harriet Jacobs*



Rose-Marie Yazbeck - November 19, 2025 at 09:54 AM

AD

“*I am sorry to hear of Harriet's passing. She will be truly missed and will always be remembered.*
Anne Dompierre

Anne Dompierre - November 19, 2025 at 09:44 AM

SI

“*Sherry Isaac lit a candle in memory of Harriet Jacobs*



Sherry Isaac - November 19, 2025 at 09:20 AM

AT

“*I had the pleasure of getting to know Harriet the last few years with her stay at Meadowpark. I always enjoyed my time with her when I would see her. My deepest condolences to you Janine and your whole family. She'll be missed so much. Thinking of all of you.*

Ashley Taylor - November 19, 2025 at 08:21 AM

CS

“ Our sincere heartfelt condolences to Harriet Jacobsbaa family, friends & WIFN Community. 🌹❤️🌹



Cindy Shipman - November 19, 2025 at 08:19 AM

SV

“ Sherry VanGeersdaele lit a candle in memory of Harriet Jacobs



Sherry VanGeersdaele - November 19, 2025 at 01:05 AM

GF

“ Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of Harriet Jacobs



Gerry Flynn - November 18, 2025 at 10:57 PM

JJ

“ It Very Nice Too Know You And Your Family ❤️ Love You Chick Love Sam And Family Till we Meet Again 💙

James Jones - November 18, 2025 at 10:28 PM

NI

“ *Niki lit a candle in memory of Harriet Jacobs*



Niki - November 18, 2025 at 10:20 PM

JS

“ *J&S STONEFISH lit a candle in memory of Harriet Jacobs*



J&S STONEFISH - November 18, 2025 at 09:46 PM

WM

“ *Wenda Maynard lit a candle in memory of Harriet Jacobs*



Wenda Maynard - November 18, 2025 at 09:44 PM

CD

“ *Cari DeKort sent a virtual gift in memory of Harriet Jacobs*



Cari DeKort - November 18, 2025 at 08:01 PM

GS

“ *Georgina Shipman lit a candle in memory of Harriet Jacobs*



Georgina Shipman - November 18, 2025 at 07:39 PM

TK

“ *Tena Kewayosh lit a candle in memory of Harriet Jacobs*



Tena Kewayosh - November 18, 2025 at 07:37 PM

GI

“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Harriette(Chick)...Back when I was a teenager I went to a teachers conference with her in Curve Lake and we also attended the powwow at Trent University in Peterborough. We even got out there danced a couple of times lol...We had so much fun that time, lots of laughs for sure and the one evening we come out to her car and couldn't get in...she tried to unlock the doors but couldn't..finally we realized it wasn't her car, lol...Her car was parked right next to it, but all dusty from the rez roads 🌀...Did we ever have a good laugh...Curve lake was a beautiful reserve as well as the scenery around Peterborough...I can still hear her laugh, it was nice to know Chick over the years, she was always a helping hand to all of the students encouraging them to do their best...Hugs and prayers to all of her loved ones...So sorry for the loss of your mother Janine ❤️ big big hugs to you.*

Gaye Fisher Isaac - November 18, 2025 at 06:40 PM

JF

“ *Baamaapii Auntie Chick* 💕🙏💕



Judy Jacobs & Family - November 18, 2025 at 06:29 PM

NA

“ *Norma Authier lit a candle in memory of Harriet Jacobs*



Norma Authier - November 18, 2025 at 05:44 PM

EL

“ *Emma Logan lit a candle in memory of Harriet Jacobs*



Emma Logan - November 18, 2025 at 05:32 PM

LA

“ *Leon & Barbara Arsenault lit a candle in memory of Harriet Jacobs*



Leon & Barbara Arsenault - November 18, 2025 at 05:30 PM

TA

“ *Tom&Petrina Altiman sent a virtual gift in memory of Harriet Jacobs*



Tom&Petrina Altiman - November 18, 2025 at 05:18 PM

PB

“ *Patsy Bishop lit a candle in memory of Harriet Jacobs*



Patsy Bishop - November 18, 2025 at 05:05 PM

EM

“ *Eileen Myers lit a candle in memory of Harriet Jacobs*



Eileen Myers - November 18, 2025 at 05:05 PM

SU

“ *sue lit a candle in memory of Harriet Jacobs*



sue - November 18, 2025 at 04:31 PM

Harriet
Dodge

“ *Harriet Dodge lit a candle in memory of
Harriet Jacobs*



Harriet Dodge - November 18, 2025 at 04:05 PM

BF

Janine, thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.

Beverly Fish - November 19, 2025 at 08:32 AM

JD

My condolences to the family

JODILYNN MILLER DAHLGREN - November 19, 2025 at 08:36 AM

BW

Janine and family ... Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time Hold tight to your memories She was an awesome person and will be missed by so many

Brian Lorrie (McFadden) Workman - November 21, 2025 at 07:13 PM