



## Ruth Jadean Hopper

July 10, 1946 - July 26, 2022

Ruth Jadean (McConnell) Hopper, passed unexpectedly July 26, 2022 at home. Born July 10, 1946 in Dennison, Ohio to James William and Dorothy Mae (Hill) McConnell. Survived by husband of 56 years, Jerry Walter Hopper; daughter and son-in-law, Tracy and Matthew Jeffers of Columbus; grandson and grandson-in-law, Zachery Jeffers and Wesley West of Orlando, Fl; son Jeffrey Hopper of Columbus. Besides, the immediate family, she is survived by numerous brother and sister-in-laws as well as nieces and nephews. In addition to her family, she is survived by special friends, Susan Drozdowski, Mary Kinder, Trina Smith and Judy Gaal.

Jadean and Jerry would have celebrated 57 years of marriage on August 6th.

Jadean was born and raised in Dennison, Ohio (Tuscarawas Co.) and was a proud "Railroader" graduate of 1964. After graduation, Jadean moved to Columbus to attend the Columbus Business University; while there, she met Jerry. She worked for a while at the Pioneer Mutual Insurance Company in Columbus and was married in Richmond, Indiana in 1965.

Following their marriage, they resided in Powell, Worthington and finally in their home of 50+ years, Columbus. Jadean was an avid and accomplished genealogist who collaborated on several family histories both published and privately printed. As evidence of her avid pursuit of genealogy she had Jerry

convert one bedroom into a study and file room for all of her research and archives. Besides genealogy, she was a prolific reader ranging from romance to murder/mystery.

While Tracy and Jeff were in school, she and Jerry were active in PTA and Band Boosters, serving eight years as President and Treasurer. While she was a devoted mother, her devotion reached a new level when her only grandson was born. She was his primary caretaker during the day as his parents worked, and as the years passed, the bond between them grew immeasurably. She was his biggest fan during his high school band years, especially when he was Field Commander. It has to be said, while she fell in love with Elvis Presley during her high school years, Zach may have eclipsed even Elvis! She did get to see Elvis live, in concert, at St. Johns Area in 1974 and that was the only 2 hours since birth, that she never made a sound!

While being devoted to family, that devotion was extended to her love of animals and Disney. She adored her pets, Rocky, Tibur, Captain Jack, Bazinga and granddogs, Bandit and Yoda. She also enjoyed seeing the animals at Animal Kingdom Lodge, especially the giraffes whom she could look at eye-to-eye when sitting on the balcony overlooking the savanna.

While she never claimed to have master cooking, she was truly accomplished at throwing backyard gatherings; there was always enough food to feed an army. She really enjoyed sitting on the back porch with family, friends and pets socializing - everyone was always welcomed in her home. No one was a stranger and everyone was family.

Per her wishes, no formal service is planned; however, a memorial service/party is planned in September for family and friends. Date, time and location to be announced.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Jadean Hopper*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Jadean was a special woman with her love of her family and friends going so far to make her first name the same as her mother-in-law Ruth.*

*Jadean was the leader of the Hopper and McConnell genealogy families for over 40 years with her very large relational database. From her source was born 5 family history books of the Hopper family. Without Jadean it would never have happened as she lead the committee in the core material of the writing and production. She wanted the books to end up in Columbus Metropolitan Library and various historical societies she worked with over her career as a genealogist. The first book, Nick and Ruth Hopper Family History: Descendants, was put into Columbus Metropolitan Library upon its completion. I also can be found in Delaware Historical Society, Powell Historical Society, and Morrow County Geological Society. The other 4 books were all in draft form several years ago. The Smith book and The Hopper Books are in their edit phase. So very sad we did not get it done so she could have seen them all published. But for Jadean we will see they all get published in your memory.*

*To a great mother and wife and a family leader I solute you pretty lady.  
Bud*

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**cliff cahill** - August 09, 2022 at 08:37 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth Jadean Hopper.*



July 31, 2022 at 01:37 PM



“ *Tracy, Matthew and family. We are so sorry for your loss. May the many wonderful memories of Jadean bring you comfort and help you through this very difficult time. Our thoughts are with you. Karen and Chuck*

**Karen Saylor** - July 30, 2022 at 01:29 PM



“ *DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO ALL. I WILL SURE MISS HER AT OUR ALUMNI'S AND CLASS REUNIONS*

**DORIS SUTTON AND BILL KELLAR** - July 30, 2022 at 11:31 AM



*So very very sorry we were friends in our childhood in Dennison. Condolences to the family*

**Sharon Parks Golec** - July 30, 2022 at 12:15 PM