



## Barbara Cross

September 5, 1926 - March 7, 2009

Barbara Jean Cross, 82 of Manton, MI., died Saturday, March 7th, 2008. Mrs. Cross was born September 5th, 1926 in Charlotte, MI., the daughter of Walter and Keitha (Silver) Ball. Barbara grew up on the family farm in Chester Township of Eaton County. She married Theo Cross on November 11th, 1947. Together they raised their family in the Charlotte area. After the children were all in school, Barbara began working for the Charlotte Public School system and also furthered her education, earning a B.A. from Michigan State University in 1981. After retiring from Charlotte Public Schools, she was the head librarian of the Pentwater Public Library, where she and Theo were long-time residents. Barbara loved the beaches of the Great Lakes and the Oceans of the world. With special companion Kenneth Bennett, she spent her last years splitting her time between her condo in Orange Beach, Alabama and Ken's home in Stalwart, MI. They also traveled extensively. She is survived by her children; sons: Steve (Brenda) Cross of Manton, MI, Bryan (Joni) Cross of Challis, Idaho. Daughters: Theo Jane Cross of Jackson, MI, Lee Ann (Joseph) Guitierrez of Charlotte MI. 10 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren and sister, Marian (Charles) Weaver. She was preceded in death by her parents Walter and Keitha Ball, her husband, Theo Cross and a sister, Joann Loughan. Funeral Services will be Friday, March 13th at 11 am. Memorial Contributions can be made to the Mayo Clinic for Cancer Research or The Nature Conservancy, Michigan Chapter. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.prayfuneral.c](http://www.prayfuneral.c)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear TheoJane: I am so sorry for your loss. I know how much you loved your mother, she will be missed. I am sorry I won't be able to attend her funeral we are leaving on vacation. Take care of yourself.  
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**Sally Packard** - March 12, 2009 at 05:31 AM

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“ Steve, Theo Jane, LeeAnne, Bryan so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I enjoyed taking care of you kids many many years ago and going to pentwater on vacation with Mom and Dad. We never want to let go of a loved one but the Lord has a better place for us he just calls some before others. You are in my thoughts so often and always will. May God bless and keep you. LOL Sharon Ells

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**Sharon (Ells) Rachilla** - March 08, 2009 at 09:08 AM