



## Beatrice Rickerd

January 15, 1926 - May 25, 2017

Beatrice Rickerd, of Charlotte, passed away on May 25, 2017. She was born on January 15, 1926 to Raymond Lavern and Mae Josephine (Roberts) Clark in Brighton, Michigan. She graduated as valedictorian in the Charlotte class of 1943. She married Charles Harold Rickerd on February 3, 1946 and enjoyed raising their family in this community. Beatrice was employed by the Charlotte Republican Tribune, then continued on with McGrath-DeFoe Printing for 24 years. She was at the Eaton County Friend of the Court for 18 years. She also enjoyed being an Avon representative for 23 years. In her spare time, she liked to crochet, sew and play BINGO at the Charlotte Senior Center and was an avid doll collector. She attended the Charlotte United Brethren Church serving as Sunday School Treasurer for over 40 years.

Beatrice is survived by her children, Harold "Rick" C. (Karen) Rickerd, and Charlene Sparks, both of Charlotte; grandchildren, Paula (Bob) Henry of Fort Wayne, IN, Mark (Sarah) Rickerd of South Whitley, IN, Kirk (Randi) Rickerd of Charlotte, Clark (Heidi) Rickerd of Hastings, Derik (Erika) Rickerd of Charlotte, Craig (Kansas) Sparks of Trussville, AL; 16 great-grandchildren; her sisters, Frances Curtis of Ashley, MI, Mary Jane Clark of Charlotte.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles in 2003; daughter, Barbara Jeanne Rickerd in 1972; granddaughter, Tricia Jeanne Rickerd in 1975; and sister, Berniece (Bunny) Heiderliter in 2005.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 31, at 11:00 AM at Pray

Funeral Home with Pastor Mike Arnold and Pastor Ricky Hull officiating. Visitation will be held Tuesday, May 30, from 6-8:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the United Brethren Church or Grace Hospice. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Beatrice on her Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral Ceremony

MAY 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

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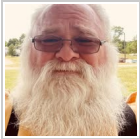
# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Beatrice Rickerd



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 29, 2017 at 05:35 PM

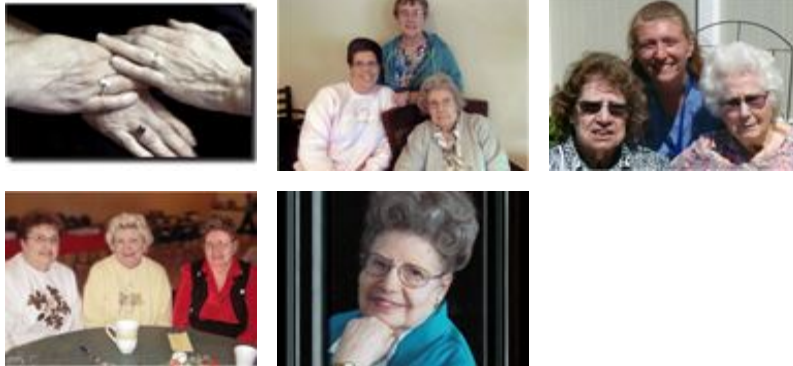


“ Rick, Karen & Family, Praying for you. Darrel & Karen Reid

Darrell Reid - May 29, 2017 at 08:29 PM



“ 38 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 29, 2017 at 05:32 PM

SN

“ So many wonderful times with the Rickerd family, but the best and most vivid is all the New Years Eve get togethers. I think my parents and Aunt Bea and Uncle Charlie welcomed in the new year for 46 years. We kids had so much fun, the fancy sandwiches Aunt Bea always bought (no crust and cut in triangles), getting to share or have a bottle of pop. How many words could we make out of our name or other words, hats out of newspapers. The count down to midnight, going outside and yelling as loud as we could, and getting to stay up that late. I think of all of you every New Years eve still. Our parents are back together again and we know they are celebrating, and will have a big party on New Years eve. And your mom is with Barbie,  
Hugs, thoughts and prayers are with all of you, think of you all often. We were not blood relatives but sure thought of them as relatives. Relatives of the heart not the blood. love all of you

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**Sarah Wood Nichols** - May 27, 2017 at 07:53 PM

DK

“ When I was working at Sensation's memory care Beatrice was one of my residents. I love the time that we got to spend together each night I would just sit in her room next to her on the bed and talk to her until she was ready to go to sleep. I would talk her and every night and kiss her good night. I would laugh on the days when I didn't work and the girls would tell me how Beatrice would tell them that she needed a kiss good night that Dominique always kissed her. She loves getting her kisses. She was an amazing woman and I truly loved her. She will definitely be missed.

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**Dominique Kowalk** - May 27, 2017 at 04:13 PM

LT

“ I had the honor of being Beas nurse and I am so grateful that I was able to participate in her end the life journey! My only sad thought is that I didn't get to know her prior to her admitting to Grace Hospice. She was such a strong willed lady!! She will never be forgotten!! My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time!!  
Lauren Toaz, RN Grace Hospice

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**Lauren Toaz** - May 26, 2017 at 11:22 PM

CM

So sorry that I could not be with you today, but unfortunately problems arrived. Spent lots of time on the phone with my cousin Bea and sorry she is gone, but feel she is in a better place. God Bless Her and all the close family. She is with the Lord.Hugs for Mary Jane and all of the kids. Much Love

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**Cousin Marilyn** - May 30, 2017 at 04:28 PM

SG

“ So sorry for your loss. I have good memories of Bea and I working together at the check out table at our holiday bazaars at Crossroads U.B. Church, she was fun to be with.

*Shirley Goad*

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**Shirley Goad** - May 26, 2017 at 12:49 PM

MC

“ I'm so sorry for your loss! Had good visits with her when I got my Avon & bought doll clothes for my granddaughters! She was a special lady & will be sadly missed! Prayers for the family.

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**Mollie Calton** - May 26, 2017 at 11:58 AM

VM

“ Dear Family and Friends of Beatrice:  
Thank you for the privilege and honor of being part of her life and care. She touched our lives in a very special way and brought a smile to our faces with each encounter we had with her.  
Beatrice will be missed and fondly remembered.  
Blessings to you,  
Vanessa Morrison- Grace Hospice Administrator



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Vanessa Morrison - May 26, 2017 at 10:45 AM

 Linda Martin

“ Memories, not sure where to start. I guess with how I first met Bea. I started attending United Brethren Church and got to know her there. She was like a mom to me. My mom lived out of state and so she and I became friends. I remember going to a mother/daughter banquet with her. I had sons and my mom lived far away so she said.....I'll be your mom and so she and I went together. She was also my Avon lady as well. Going to her place to get some deals when she would have her sales. We had many nice talks through the years when I would stop by to get Avon. Then there were times I would see her at Bingo and I always kissed her cheek for good luck and it worked. I would yell Bingo and afterwards she would say that she brought me good luck I need to share. lol. She touched my life for many years and I am grateful for those memories. Rest in Peace my other "mom". I'll see you again someday.

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Linda Martin - May 26, 2017 at 10:24 AM

SS

“ I have known Bea my entire life. She & my mother, Anna Mae (Royston) Conley were best friends all through high school. When my daughter, Carmen was young, Bea made beautiful Barbie doll clothes and always remembered Carmen's birthdays by giving her new outfits for her doll. I will never forget the friendship I had with Bea & Charlie. Rest In Peace, my friend. I always loved you.

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**Sheri Sanders** - May 25, 2017 at 07:43 PM