



## Betty Jean Hogan

June 17, 1932 - September 6, 2021

Betty Jean Hogan of Charlotte, MI, a little bundle of energy that waterskied into her 70's, died September 6, 2021 at the age of 89. Born in Grand Rapids on June 17, 1932 to Carl and Alice (Broadbent) Johnson, Betty was always on the move...if you couldn't keep up, you were left behind. A devoted Christian, Betty was an active member and volunteer at her church, First Baptist Church in Charlotte. Betty worked as a cashier at Carl's Supermarket in Lake Odessa, MI and at Publix in Florida, owned and operated a dairy farm, and was the Treasurer for Benton Township as well as United Brethren Church for many years. She also found time to volunteer as a 4-H leader and a Sunday School teacher.

Since she was always on the go, Betty had many activities to keep her busy and happy. She was a skilled gardener with both her vegetable garden and flower garden, loved to water ski, and she enjoyed reading, watching NASCAR races, and playing games like Hand and Foot and Mexican Train with her friends and family. Betty's biggest joy in life was her family, she enjoyed being involved in and watching all of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren's activities.

Betty is survived by her daughters, Jeaneen Smuts and Verna (Wayne) Brundage; son, Vern (Cathy) Letson; 8 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her 1st husband, Ralph Letson

and 2nd husband, James Hogan; daughter, Lavonne Letson; son, Darwin Letson; and son-in-law, Mark Smuts.

Friends are encouraged to support Betty's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Visitation is Thursday, September 16, 6-8:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Memorial services are Friday, September 17, 11:00 AM at First Baptist Church in Charlotte with Rev. Pete Kroll officiating. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com), click on Betty's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Helping Hands Food Pantry or Suitcases 4 Kids. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **16.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Memorial Service

SEP **17.** 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Charlotte  
1110 S. Cochran Ave  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Betty Jean Hogan*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - September 17, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Jean Hogan*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - September 15, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - September 15, 2021 at 01:55 PM

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“ *I got to meet this wonderful lady only once, but I thank God that she opened her heart and her home to my little brother and sister and raised them to be wonderful adults.* - Dan Wise

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**Dan Wise** - September 14, 2021 at 09:00 PM

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“ *Your friends at Claxton Cold Storage purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Betty Jean Hogan.*



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**Your friends at Claxton Cold Storage** - September 14, 2021 at 01:44 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Hogan.*



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September 14, 2021 at 07:32 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Hogan.*



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September 12, 2021 at 01:26 PM



“ *I first met Betty and Jim out at Camp Thornapple at Thornapple Lake as they were my neighbors across the Street. We met them later on in years as Betty became one of my cashiers in Lake Odessa at Carl's Supermarket. She was one kind person and very good with customers. She will be missed.*

*Don Joseph*

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**Don Joseph** - September 10, 2021 at 06:41 AM




“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Hogan.*



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September 08, 2021 at 10:19 PM

EW

“ My wife and I only met Betty in 2019. We have loved her ever since . She was such a warm and positive person. This May when we were up in Michigan we got to go to Church with her, twice. Because of people like Betty we loved the Church, and the people were so friendly. We plan to attend the next time we are in the area. We will be posting an honorarium with Suitcases 4 Kids in her memory. ELW & Spouse.

Edward L. Wise - September 08, 2021 at 07:06 PM

BR

“ I didn't get to spend a lot of time with her, but she was a great person to go shopping with and we had fun. I will see her someday in Heaven.

Brenda Rhodes - September 08, 2021 at 02:46 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Betty's passing. She was a blessing and a dear friend to my mother, Becky Davis, until Mom passed in 2017. They were good friends since my parents moved to Charlotte in 2006.

Terry Davis

Terry Davis - September 08, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Hogan.



September 08, 2021 at 02:26 PM

MG

“ Please accept our condolences. Grandma Betty was a good friend who always accepted us into the family. I learned about Nascar from her, since she sent us some literature on it. Of course, she including special information for Jimmy Johnson! She was an awesome person and will be missed. We are grateful she knows Jesus. God is Good! MIKE & KARIN GROSSO

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**Mike Grosso** - September 08, 2021 at 12:22 PM