



## Betty Ruth Priest

January 31, 1956 - July 25, 2021

Betty Ruth Priest, a woman devoted to her family, died July 25, 2021. Betty, 65, of Charlotte, MI was born January 31, 1956 in Bridgeton, NJ to Everett and Wilma (Bullerdick) Clark. Full of laughter and enthusiasm for life, her family thrived in her love and incredible ability to make them first. On June 12, 1982, Betty married the love of her life, Dennis Priest, and together the couple devoted their life to each other and to others. The couple volunteered at the Eaton RESA Special Riding Program. Horses were a large part of her adventurous life in barrel racing, 4-H, county fairs and events at Circle 'C' Ranch. Faith and love of Jesus Christ was an integral part of Betty's heart with her favorite scripture being John 3:16. She was a proud member of the Restore Church in Ionia where she volunteered in the nursery. Betty was excited about adopting her precious daughter, Ashlee. Later in life, her grandchildren were her pride and joy.

Betty is survived by her husband, Dennis Lee Priest; daughter, Ashlee (Jordan) Rivera; grandchildren, Olivia, Kaylynn, Everleigh, and Clayton Rivera; siblings; Larry Clark and Judy (Clark) Moncrief. She is predeceased by her parents.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte, MI with Pastor John Prominski officiating. Visitation will be held just prior to the service from 2-4:00 p.m. If desired

memorial contributions may be made to Eaton RESA for the Special Riding Program. Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online at Betty's Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI.

# Cemetery Details

## West Carmel Cemetery

5016 Carlisle Highway  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 28. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Ceremony

JUL 28. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Betty Ruth Priest*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - July 28, 2021 at 03:29 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Ruth Priest*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - July 28, 2021 at 01:25 AM



“ *We were lucky when the Clarks moved on to Stewart Road. We got to know the whole family over the years. Betty will be missed by many! May she R. I. P.*

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**carol lacross** - July 28, 2021 at 09:45 AM



“ 72 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - July 28, 2021 at 01:21 AM

LR

“ *The days of tears and laughter. We found a time to share...  
The years have formed a kinship that's beautiful and rare.  
Our hearts were made to coincide. God planned our role on earth...  
He created us as sisters. By love - not through our birth.*

*Betty, I will hold you in my heart and see you in heaven someday!*

*Louise*

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**Louise C Rambo** - July 27, 2021 at 02:03 PM

LA

“ *Dennis, Sherry, Larry and Family-*

*So sorry to hear of Betty's passing. She was the most kindest person. We have known Betty for many year's as her parent's were long time friend's of both of our parent's. She will be sadly missed by all who were lucky enough to know her. You are all in our thoughts. R.I. P. Betty.*

*Lori and Raymond Aseltine*

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**Lori/Raymond Aseltine** - July 27, 2021 at 07:05 AM

JJ

“ *Jon, Louise & Janel purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Betty Ruth Priest.*



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**Jon, Louise & Janel** - July 26, 2021 at 09:10 PM

JK

“ *Betty and I grew up together. We were neighborhood buddies. I remember going to Duck Lake with them and Betty trying to teach me to water-ski. Betty was always smiling and had a kind word.*

*We will miss her greatly.*

*Blessings to her family.*

*John Kimble*



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**John Kimble** - July 26, 2021 at 09:09 PM

TA

“ *Thinking of you all. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Betty Ruth Priest.*



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**Thinking of you all.** - July 26, 2021 at 09:00 PM

GP

“ *Gary & Jamie Peterson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Betty Ruth Priest.*



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**Gary & Jamie Peterson** - July 26, 2021 at 03:02 PM