



Betty Jean Schaefer

May 11, 1924 - June 13, 2016

Betty Jean Schaefer, 92, of Traverse City, MI, formerly of Charlotte, MI, died June 13, 2016. She was born May 11, 1924 to William and Wilhemina (Fleischer) Foster in St. Johns, MI. Family was very important to Betty, she was a devoted wife and mother. She never missed sending a birthday card and always made those around her feel loved. Betty was a very humble woman, extremely thoughtful and caring.

Betty was a past commander of the VFW Auxiliary, and a 4-H and Cub Scout leader as her children were growing. She was an avid reader, having read thousands of books in her lifetime. She loved camping and fishing, and was known as the "navigator" in the family as she always read the map on their trips with expertise. Betty enjoyed big band music, bluegrass, Elvis, and even a little Rock and Roll while her kids were growing up. She worked in an office in many different places and capacities over the years, including Secretary at the First Congregational Church in Charlotte, an Abstracting Office in Hastings, and Deputy Treasurer for Eaton County.

Betty is survived by her three sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas (Judy), James (Gloria), Gerald (Tracey); six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Harold Schaefer in 2011; brother Robert Foster; and sister Marguerite Tejada.

Funeral services are Monday, June 20 at 6:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home with Rev. Charles Kruger officiating. Visitation is Monday, June 20, 2-4:00 PM and 5-6:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to your local hospice. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Betty on her tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



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“ *Betty had such a gentle, kind nature and always a beautiful smile to share. I have wonderful memories of vacations/weekends over the years with our families as Jim, Jerry, Tom along with myself, Tom and Rick (my two brothers) were able to spend time together. Lots of laughs and happy days! Betty and Bud both made a difference in my life! Tena (Smith) Park*

Tena (Smith) Park - June 20, 2016 at 12:14 PM

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Tom Schaefer - June 17, 2016 at 12:52 PM

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“ *The last big vacation I took with my parents as a kid was with Betty, Bud and Tommy. What a life long memory of the wonderful places we visited and the many adventures on that trip. Not to mention the countless weekends we all spent together as our parents played cards with them. I never heard a harsh word come from Betty. She always had such a gentleness about her.*



Randee Smith - June 17, 2016 at 12:16 PM

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“ *Betty was the kindest lady. Always had a happy smile and loved her family. I have no idea how she managed to raise 3 boys. But she did and did it well with Harold. I have many wonderful memories of her and I was blessed to know her. Lot's of hugs to Jim, Jerry and Tom and wives. God Bless you all.*

Julie Bruce Shaver - June 16, 2016 at 10:38 PM



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