



Betty Lou Underhill

May 27, 1932 - September 21, 2017

Betty Lou (Riley) Underhill, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great grandmother, animal lover, incredible woman, chocolate connoisseur, and comfortable shoe collector, went home to Jesus on September 21, 2017.

Betty grew up on Clinton Trail/RR3 in Charlotte. As the youngest of four children she particularly loved her family. Daughter of Howard O. Riley (deceased 1971) and Ursula May (Hastings) Riley (deceased 1964) her brother Donald Howard Riley (deceased WW2 1944) and sisters Dorothea Belle (Charlie) Mullholland (deceased 1982), Rosemary (Doug) Garn (deceased 2009) helped raise, tease and torment her as all siblings do. She took great pleasure in riding her prize horses, Prince and Beauty, and was a proud member of 4-H showing Poland China hogs winning many blue ribbons and trophies. Betty graduated from Charlotte in 1950. While riding her horses along Clinton Trail she was noticed by her first husband Duane (Duke) Allen Norris (deceased 2013) the local milkman. After much pursuing and convincing, she finally relented to date and eventually marry him in 1953. As a young beautiful wife and Michigan Bell telephone operator in Charlotte, Betty began her family. First having her oldest of three children, Stephanie Kay (John) Bright of Charlotte; followed by Jeffrey Lynn (Pam Jehner) Norris of Charlotte; and finally Cindy Leigh (Randy, deceased) Norris-Wheeler of Charlotte. When Michigan Bell relocated to Lansing, she began a new career with Aluminum Extrusions (Hoover Universal) to stay in Charlotte to raise her

children as a single mother in the sixties. Now divorced from Duane she met and married Leo James (Jim) Underhill in 1975 (now deceased) and moved to East Lansing.

As family was the most important thing to Betty, to her delight she was blessed with grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren and was proud that all of them were represented in pictures on her refrigerator. The first born was granddaughter Stacy Nicole (Burford) Penix (Wayne Gordon); followed by granddaughter Samantha Ann Norris; and lastly Brittany Lynn Norris; grandsons Randy Allen (Kelly) Wheeler and Brett Lee (Ryan) Wheeler. She also took great pride in her great-grandchildren, Mason Cooper Penix; Megan Alexis Amburgey; Natalie Alexandria Amburgey, Adriana Yvonne Jury, Mandy Lynn Dillin. In addition to great-great-grandchildren Hunter Mark Jeremy; Skylar Aurora; and baby Kaiden.

Betty loved all animal's horses, pigs, dogs and birds, but in particular cats and kittens and with her love rescued many throughout her lifetime. Frosty, Muffy, Pumpkin, Peaches, Rusty and Spooky were just a few that adored her never ending time and attention. In addition to her cats she loved her family's dogs Nick, Chipper, Mutt, Alfred, Brownie and Foxx.

Betty had a lifelong chocolate appreciation, starting with a square of the Hershey bar hidden in her father's desk (if she was good), to the always full jar of candy bars on her kitchen counter. She ensured that all that visited her left with a satisfied sweet tooth and a sticky chocolate grin.

She has bequeathed so much to her family including her lifelong pursuit of comfortable shoes. As Betty would say, "Never hurt your feet for shoes, but they still need to be cute. Take care of your feet!"

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 1:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor Chuck Jenson officiating.

Additionally, visitation will be held Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 6-8:00 PM.

Interment will take place in Center Eaton Cemetery. If desired the family suggests memorial contributions to St. Jude Children's Hospital. 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.

Cemetery Details

Center Eaton Cemetery

2093 Narrow Lake Road
Charlotte, MI 48813

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Ceremony

SEP **27**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *What a beautiful tribute. Betty had a big heart and gentle soul. She will be missed.*

Her love was unconditional. When I lost my mom, she treated me as one of her own. She help to guide me and I've carried on her philosophy of, there's always room for chocolate & shoes must be comfortable!

May you feel Gods arms wrapped around you at this difficult time.

Love Bonnie

bonnie woolsey - September 27, 2017 at 09:11 AM

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“ *Jeff, Pam and Family-
Grief can be so hard, but our special memories help us cope. As the days and weeks pass, and as you return to life's routine, may you continue to feel comforted by the love and support of family and friends. Our condolences - Rod and Tami*

Tamara Hector - September 26, 2017 at 09:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Lou Underhill .*



September 26, 2017 at 01:57 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Betty Lou Underhill .*



September 26, 2017 at 12:15 PM



“ *Heaven got another angel. Prayers to your family. May your memories always bring a smile for her. Valerie.*

Valerie - September 26, 2017 at 02:14 AM



“ *Condolence an prayers to family sorry for loss will be miss*



Jerry Green - September 25, 2017 at 08:21 PM



“ *I will never forget your mother. She was always so kind and thoughtful. She has and always will have a special place in my heart ❤️. My deepest sympathy. Julie Coenen*

Julie Coenen - September 24, 2017 at 07:18 PM

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“ *Sending my deepest sympathy and prayers
for strength at this difficult time.* ”



Wendy Rogers - September 24, 2017 at 08:14 AM