



Betty Louise Washburn

March 19, 1923 - March 23, 2013

Betty Louise Washburn, 90, of Charlotte, passed away March 23, 2013. Betty was born March 19, 1923, in Petoskey, Michigan; the daughter of Isaac and Jessie (Vaughan) Washburn. Betty loved working with people for the good of people including 17 years in food service at the Au Sable Ranch and Ski Club in Gaylord; 15 years at North Michigan Hospital; and most recently, 19 years at the Siren Eaton Shelter. Among other personal accolades, Betty was recognized as a “local hero” in the Lansing State Journal in 2001 for her personal dedication to the shelter and community dinners. Betty is survived by many nieces and nephews, including her niece, Janet, with whom she resided the past 21 years. Betty will be dearly missed by all of her family members, as well as her many close friends at the Siren Eaton Shelter and members of the Charlotte community at large. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, May 4, 2013 at Community of Christ Church with Elder Mel Crowley officiating. Contributions may be made to Siren Eaton Shelter and Eaton Community Palliative Care. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.prayfuneral.com <http://www.prayfuneral.com>.

Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Betty, I'm so glad I was able to see her and Janet last Thanksgiving. I have the fondest memories. Aunt Betty was the kindest, sweetest woman ever! I remember all the get togethers in Gaylord and Sheridan when I was younger. We went mushrooming, snowmobiling and rebuilt a house, ahhh some of the best childhood memories. Aunt Betty, always taking care of others. When in her presence you felt like the most important person in the world. An amazing cook and hostess for any occasion...just because she loved us. I hope she felt as special as she made everyone around her feel. God Bless our Betty, just like she has blessed us. -- Jill Collier

Jill Collier - April 17, 2013 at 07:30 PM

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“ There are so many memories of Aunt Betty it is hard to share just one as she was always a part of my life. One of my most special memories is when I got married. I met my husband, Bob, on May 10 and we announced to the family that we wanted to be married on June 10...the same year. Thank God the whole family liked him so so there were not any major problems...except a wedding reception. My Mom, Aunt Betty, and Aunt Doris discussed what the menu would be and who would do what. Since Aunt Betty was accustomed to doing a Smorgasbord every Saturday so a reception for 50 people was not a big thing. The reception was held in a small Grange Hall not to far from where we all lived. The main problem on our wedding day was that it was a rainy, humid day. Aunt Betty made and decorated the cake but the layers would not stay together! She got creative! The lilacs were in bloom around the hall so she picked some and tucked them around each layer. That is one story of my Aunt Betty.

Diana (Washburn) Peffers - April 03, 2013 at 10:20 PM

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“ *Betty will be greatly missed at Siren. Her dedication and concern for our clients was always in the forefront of her mind. May she rest in peace.*

Sarah Chandler - April 03, 2013 at 08:39 AM

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“ *Janet, I want to offer my condolences on the passing of your Aunt Betty. I had the pleasure of just one visit with your aunt last month. If you need help with anything, please feel free to call me at 231.2435.*

Eileen Lindsay - March 26, 2013 at 10:27 AM