



## Betty Jo Hanchett

March 20, 1943 - January 24, 2023

Betty Jo Hanchett (Irwin), age 79 of Clare, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at the MediLodge Assisted Living Facility of Clare, surrounded by her family. On March 20, 1943, Betty was born the eldest of four children to Lewis and Virginia (Green) Irwin in Clare, MI. She was united in marriage to William “Bill” Hanchett on April 19, 1965. Remaining in the Central Michigan area for her entire childhood and early adult life, Betty was a proud graduate of the Farwell High School Class of 1961 and later achieved a bachelor’s degree in education from Central Michigan University in 1969. Shortly after Betty’s graduation from CMU, her work career began as a teacher, but later evolved into many other careers that Betty enjoyed along her path that included being a homemaker, a daycare provider, and a secretary. In her younger years, Betty was an active member of the Sanford United Methodist Church, a Girl Scout Troop Leader for her daughters, and a very proud 15-year member of the Daughters of the American Revolution—where she faithfully served as her chapter secretary for 13 years. Betty lived to love and protect her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren above all else, but her many other passions included playing card games, bingo, arts and crafting, studying American history, and reading—especially romance novels.

Betty is survived by her three daughters Kim (David Smith) Hanchett of Clare, Kelly (Scott) Poirier of Midland, and Cassi (Don) Almond of Hubert, N.C., her grandchildren Josh, Cadi, Madi, and Bree, and her great-grandchildren

Katrina, Cadin, Colton, Caleb, Jaxyn, and Jozzy-B. Other survivors include her sister Kathy (Norm) Brown of Farwell and her ex-husband Bill Hanchett of Rogers City, MI. Betty was preceded in death by her parents Lewis and Virginia Irwin and her beloved brothers Arlo and Earl Irwin.

A celebration of Betty's life will take place on Friday, January 27, 2023 at the Farwell Community of Christ Church at 1:00 P.M. with Mr. Gary Brown officiating. Visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 12:00 P.M. to the time of Betty's service at 1:00 P.M., and a luncheon will follow. Memorial contributions in honor of Betty may be directed to Relay for Life. For those unable to attend, online condolences may be shared on the Hanchett family page at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Farwell Community of Christ Church  
484 E. Main Street  
Farwell, MI 48622

## Service

JAN 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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484 E. Main Street  
Farwell, MI 48622

# Tribute Wall

JO

“ Please accept my condolences. Betty was my favorite "worry wart". She would always ask me about my kiddos and horses. I loved watching her face light up when she would talk about her girls. She will be greatly missed as I walk down the halls of Medilodge.



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**Jamie Overby** - February 09, 2023 at 08:11 PM

CC

“ Please accept condolences from DAR of Michigan for the loss of Betty Jo. Her name has been added to the Memorial Service which will be held at State Conference in September.

*Warm regards, Charlotte Cooper, State Chaplain, DAR of Michigan*

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**C Cooper** - February 06, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about Betty.. She was such a wonderful person.. We would sit & talk at the senior services where I meet her & her daughter.. She will be missed..Condolences to the family..

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**Jennifer Richards** - January 30, 2023 at 03:14 PM

CC

“ Please accept condolences from the members of DAR of Michigan for the death of Betty Jo. Her name has been added to the Memorial Service which will be held at DAR State Conference in September. Your family is in our prayers.

*Charlotte Cooper, State Chaplain, DAR of Michigan*

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**Charlotte Cooper** - January 27, 2023 at 02:11 PM

BC

“ So sorry to hear! My sympathies to her family especially her daughter.

Brenna Chapman - January 27, 2023 at 08:21 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Hanchett.



January 26, 2023 at 12:54 PM

LH

“ 11 files added to the album Betty Hanchett Photos



Loretta K Hartnell - January 26, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Hanchett.



January 25, 2023 at 08:44 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Hanchett.*



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January 25, 2023 at 06:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Hanchett.*



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January 25, 2023 at 05:38 PM

SG

“ Betty was one of the first people that I became friends in Medilodge. We played numerous card games together like Skip-Bo and 5 Crowns. We also have had many meals together along with my wife Sue Szott and my mother in law Toni Vance who also became friends.

*My wife did a special Thanksgiving dinner for Betty, myself, mother in law and of course my wife.*

*We both also watched some of the same reality shows and would talk about them they were Big Brother, Survivor, Fire Country, The Challenge.*

*Her and I were partners numerous times in Skip -Bo and won many games together. She is going to be dearly missed by myself and the people that her life touched here at Medilodge.*

*I am so happy that we were friends for the last few months of her life.*

*R.I.P Betty my friend.*

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**SCOTT A GILES** - January 25, 2023 at 04:08 PM

CA

*Thank you Scott! You and your family were there for her so much and she truly enjoyed her time with all of you! I appreciate you sharing such special memories ❤️*  
*- Cassi Almond*

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**Cassi Almond** - January 25, 2023 at 04:54 PM

SG

*Your mom was a special lady Cassie, we were chatting one day and I also knew your Grandpa and Grandma use to work for your Grandpa when I was younger.*

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**SCOTT A GILES** - January 25, 2023 at 07:39 PM

DM

*I was so sorry to hear of Betty's passing. I remember good times with her in our younger days I can smile about some times together and her teaching me how to steam hot dog buns! She was very sweet and good to me.*

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**Deborah Moore** - January 25, 2023 at 08:27 PM