



Betty G. Metz

February 28, 1926 - October 14, 2016

Betty G. Metz, age 90 of Clare, passed away peacefully Friday, October 14, 2016 at the Medilodge Assisted Living Center in Clare. On February 28, 1926, Betty was born the daughter of Otto and Grace (Bronson) Witt, on their family farm in DeWitt, MI. Shortly after being united in marriage to Franklin C. Metz, Jr., Betty moved to the Clare area in 1948 with the intention of starting a family. From that time forward, Betty remained in the Clare area and many will remember her smiling face from the Clare Hardware where she was a clerk for 30 years. With her husband Frank, she loved traveling and spending time at the lake with their good friends, the Green and Luke families. After her husband passed in 1988, Betty continued to travel with family and friends, feed the wildlife around her home in White Birch, and donate her time and goods to many area causes. Betty was known as “Grandma Betty” to all of her daughter-in-law’s nieces and nephews. Betty also loved to knit. Many former Clare students and church family have been warmed by Betty’s handmade hats, scarves, or mittens.

Betty is survived by her son Franklin C. (Kelly) Metz, III of Clare; her grandson Frank Metz, IV of Clare; her brother Carl (Dorothy) Witt of DeWitt, MI.; her nieces Diane, Kay, and Madison Witt of DeWitt; her dear friend Dave (Linda) Conley whom she referred to affectionately as “son number two” and their son Clayton of Farwell; and many beloved nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Frank Metz, Jr.; her parents Otto and Grace Witt; her brothers (and close sister-in-laws) Jay (Dorothy – “Dot”), Fred

(Rosie), and Clare Witt; and her sisters Kate Fisher and Ann Heller. Visitation and Services for Betty will be held at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on Monday, October 17, 2016. Visitation will be from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. with services led by Pastor Paul Nestor to begin at 1:00 P.M. Burial will take place following services in the Cherry Grove Cemetery in Clare. A reception will be held following the interment at the Trinity Baptist Church in Farwell. Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice. On-line guestbook at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)
1005 North McEwan St.
Clare, MI 48617
(989) 386-7451
wymanhf@chartermi.net
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

Service

OCT 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GP

“ About in mid-1960's Betty worked at the hardware next door to our pharmacy in Downtown Clare. She and other retailers would come in to our soda fountain for coffee break. One day I was busy in the prescription department and heard a loud scream and big commotion coming from the soda fountain area. Betty was crying and laughing at the same time. It seems her son came back from the service and I think she was totally taken off guard by his surprise visit to her during her coffee break.

Good memories during the Viet Nam crisis. It was like a picture out of Saturday Evening Post. Lots of good memories of Betty and the staff of the Hardware over many years. Our prayers with the family.

George Punches - now of Manistee/Onkama

George Punches - October 20, 2016 at 02:41 PM

BL

“ *I have such fond memories of Betty's smiling face. She was certainly one of a kind. I am very sorry for your loss.*

Beckey Langley - October 18, 2016 at 01:15 PM

JM

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Betty was a great friend and co-worker. We are sorry we missed attending her service because we are enroute home from visiting family in Atlanta GA. Sharon and Jeff Michels*

Jeff Michels - October 17, 2016 at 01:40 PM

TR

“ *She waited on me many times and I bought many bricks of 22 shells from her. Will keep the family in my prayers, especially her son Frank a fellow class mate. God is personally caring for her now meeting all her heavenly needs.*

Ted A. Papesh RN - October 17, 2016 at 11:56 AM

PF

“ *Paul Koch Family lit a candle in memory of Betty G. Metz*



Paul Koch Family - October 17, 2016 at 11:41 AM

SM

“ *Hugs and prayers Frank, Franklin and Kelly as you face this difficult day. Work commitments do not allow me to attend the service for Betty, but I will be thinking of her and you as this day progresses. She was a 'one-of-a-kind' lady who became a special part of our family for many years. Her spunk and enthusiasm for life was an example of how we should all face life's challenges and just keep-on keeping-on. Heaven has gained a hard-working, fun-loving angel. Sue Murawski*

Sue Murawski - October 17, 2016 at 09:28 AM

BB

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Love working with Betty at the hardware store. She was always kind to me.*

Barbara Brown - October 17, 2016 at 09:08 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Betty G. Metz.*



October 16, 2016 at 10:16 AM



“ *Dear Frank , Kelly and Franklin,
So sorry for your loss. We thought the world of Betty.
When I think of Betty, I will always recall how she sent her hand-crocheted hats for my special education students. Every blue moon she would call me just to chat. I got a kick out of her. She was quite a gal. The planet lost a great woman.
You are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Holly*

Holly Smith - October 16, 2016 at 06:56 AM



“ *Dear Frankie, Family and Dear Friends,
Please know I am so sorry for your loss. Betty was a very special person and will be missed by all who knew her. Even after relocating to Florida 35 years ago from Farwell Betty always stayed in touch with phone calls and Christmas cards. I will cherish those memories always as Betty always had me laughing with a few tears in the mix. I will miss you Betty forever.*

Barbara

Barbara Babcock - October 15, 2016 at 04:37 PM

BB

“ *Barbara Babcock lit a candle in memory of Betty G. Metz*



Barbara Babcock - October 15, 2016 at 04:23 PM

JT

“ *John & Lenda Tubbs Sorry to hear of your loss Betty was a wonderful person will be missed*

John Tubbs - October 15, 2016 at 03:08 PM