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Betty Jane Gulliver, 77, of Clarklake passed away from cancer, March 25, 2023 at Manatee Memorial, Bradenton, Florida. Betty's family and friends will gather for visitation Thursday, June 1, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Eineder Funeral Homes - Brooklyn Chapel and Friday, June 2, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Brooklyn Presbyterian Church. Her funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 2, 2023 at Brooklyn Presbyterian Church 160 N. Main St., Brooklyn, MI. Pastor Tami Recob will officiate.

Betty was born on January 6, 1946, in Trenton, Michigan to Henry and Marion (Skidmore) Steward. She married her college sweetheart, Ted Gulliver, whom she met on a blind date at Western Michigan University, 55 years ago. She will be remembered as having lived a wonderful life. Betty attended Wyandotte Roosevelt High School where she was homecoming queen in her junior year. She earned her degree in Special Education from Western Michigan University where she belonged to the Delta Zeta sorority. Betty was like a mother to her special needs' classroom; using her great personality to make her classroom one that the students loved. She had a knack for working with her classes. She took her "kids" to Michigan's first Special Olympics, held in Kalamazoo in 1969. She continued to volunteer for the Special Olympics for many years. Her personality helped make her a good wife, caring and kind mother that had a terrific sense of humor and was a good role model. Betty continued to play in a golf league that started in Manchester over 60 years ago. She helped bring back the Columbia Central High School musicals and produced them for many years, providing another place for the students to learn and excel. Betty even acted in a few plays at the Potter Center with her husband and daughters. She made it fun for every group she was part of, such as her book club (who actually read the books); she volunteered with the local Red Cross for a time; the Red Hat group, The Universalist Unitarian Church of East Liberty, and she looked forward to Thirsty Thursdays and the comfort of old friends. She and her husband spent much of their recent years as caregivers for each of their two daughters. She was known to be a very kind and good friend. In her later years, she found a special "family" at her Winterset home in Palmetto, Florida where she loved to lead the decorating of the clubhouse for Christmas and to line dance. Betty was truly loved by all who



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knew her; and her brilliant, constant smile with eyes that truly sparkled will be greatly missed, especially by her husband Ted.

Betty is survived by her loving husband, Ted; sister, Marie (RC) Wallace; mother-in-law, Nina Gulliver; sisters-in-law Christine (Keith) Pople, Charna (Bob) Welch; brother-in-law Gary (Debbie) Gulliver; nephews, Mike Vick and Mark (Tammy) Vick, John Welch, Keith (Blerina) Pople, Zach (Kim) Gulliver, Nick Gulliver; nieces, Laura (Devin) Benford, Kim (Chad) Porter, Alexis Gulliver, and Jessica Gulliver. She is preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Marion Steward; and daughters, Anne Reed and Katie Clark. She will be remembered fondly by so many more, including the residents of Florida's Winterset Resort, and Clark Lake residents, along with scores of Michigan friends, and her extended family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Universalist Unitarian Church of East Liberty, 2231 Jefferson Rd., Clarklake, MI 49234 or Educational Foundation for Columbia Schools, P.O. Box 126, Brooklyn, MI 49230. Please leave a message of comfort for Betty's family or sign her guestbook at www.EinederFuneralHomes.com.



Events

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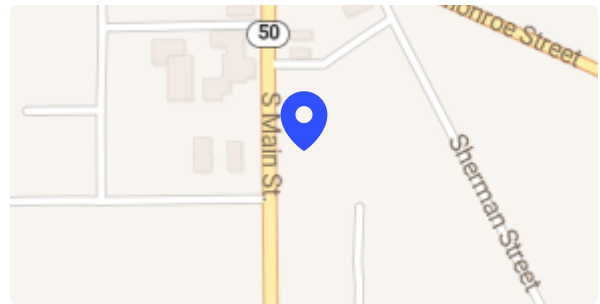
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Family & Friends Visitation

Thursday, June 1, 2023

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

Eineder Funeral Homes - Brooklyn Chapel
137 S Main St, Brooklyn MI 49230

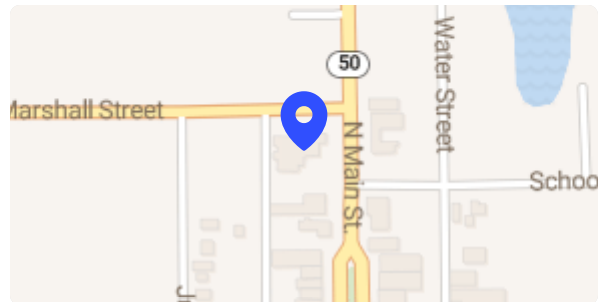


Family & Friends Visitation

Friday, June 2, 2023

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

Brooklyn Presbyterian Church
160 N. Main St., Brooklyn MI 49230

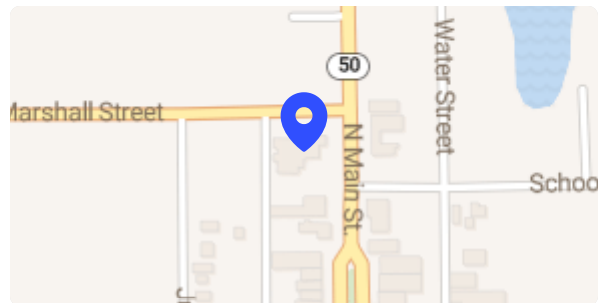


Funeral Service

Friday, June 2, 2023

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

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Evelyn PUNCHES posted:

I remember the times all the coaches and wives got together after the games. It was fun and Betty was one of the reasons. Now two of our coaches wives group are gone. Evelyn PUNCHES

June 6 at 3:21 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Gulliver family.



May 30 at 8:41 PM



Jan Blumhardt posted:

Her smile that curly hair, she was so special. Her kind sweet way, always inquiring about others! And a wonderful wife and Mother, their two lovely daughters who reflected her smile and kind ways. She will be so missed by her Red Hat friends. She is with her girls now, enjoy Heaven beautiful lady. Miss you, Jan

May 20 at 5:24 AM



Margie Reed May 24 at 5:30 PM

A lovely lady who was a joy to know. What a special Mother to her two beautiful daughters! A wonderful teacher to all her special students. Know you have a golden crown in your forever home! Deepest sympathy to you Ted.!



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Gulliver family.



May 18 at 1:39 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Betty.



May 18 at 1:39 PM



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Patrick Laughlin posted:

I met Betty and Ted as a fellow student at Western Michigan University. They were an absolute "fun" couple to be around. Upbeat, terrific sense of humor and spreading good will wherever they went. Her love and loyalty to Ted, her daughters and her students stand as a testament to her character and commitment to family and society. May God bless Betty, Ted and the entire Gulliver family! 🙏🕊️

May 9 at 7:26 AM



Mary "Bendele" Frost lit a candle in honor of Betty.

Mrs. Gulliver, a true lady of purest grace and beauty with a brilliant smile and twinkle in her eyes that lit up a room. She doesn't know this, but she was such an inspiration to me. As a student at CCHS, I wanted to help in her beautiful special classroom with all her beautiful children that I adored. But I was too shy to ask the counselor if I could help assist her. I admired the students that were helpers. I wanted to work so badly with children. I did go off to study Child Development at JACC but I didn't follow my dream to become a special education teacher. God had other plans for me. Almost 3 years ago, I was blessed with my first born beautiful special grandson Lane born with Down Syndrome. My dream came true years later. As Mrs. Gulliver my role model, a beautiful advocate for special needs, I will remember her as I walk this beautiful journey with my amazing grandson as the best advocate I can be along with our beautiful family. We are Team Lane spreading JOY. I couldn't have asked for a better role model and inspiration as I witnessed Mrs. Gulliver spreading beautiful unconditional love that she shared with so many. I will never forget her. How beautiful heaven must be with her presence. Until we meet again. Eternal rest grant unto her beautiful caring loving gentle vibrant soul. My deepest condolences to Mr. Gulliver as he grieves the loss of his beloved Bride. 🙏🕊️



May 5 at 6:15 AM



Nancy (Mccowen) Willyard posted:

I met Betty in college. We were both in sororities at Western Michigan University. It was a nice surprise when I moved to Jackson in 1970. I found out Betty was teaching at Brooklyn Elementary, where I had just accepted a teaching position. Betty was a very special person who cared about students, friends and family. Her smiling face and sparkling eyes will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to Ted and family.

May 8 at 7:08 AM



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PK

Phyllis Kuik posted:

Betty always had a big smile for everyone. She was not only very kind but also so gracious, always. Her last years could not have been easy but she still had that smile. I'm so very sorry for your losses, Ted. For you too, Marie. I pray God continues to comfort all of you.

May 6 at 8:14 AM



Martha Melcher May 6 at 8:48 AM

Ted, Betty always had a big smile when she was with you. We all met years ago as college grads teaching in Manchester. Our youthful spirit remains but with an ache for the loss of Cal and now a Betty. Thinking of you during this difficult time! ❤️ Martha

LF

Louise Frank posted:

Forever in our hearts. Winterset personified. ❤️. Louise Frank

May 6 at 5:08 AM

CR

Carol And Ralph Abt posted:

Your family is so loved by us. Betty was such a sweet and kind lady with a beautiful smile. So gentle and full of grace. We all are going to miss her. Winterset has lost a lovely lady who was an integral part of our community.

May 5 at 3:22 PM

LH

Linda Haveman posted:

In spite of how difficult her life was she always had a beautiful sweet smile and kind words to say! I really never knew anyone as kind as she was..... I was blessed to now her.....

May 5 at 12:48 PM

JD

John Dowell posted:

Betty will surely be missed by everyone at Winter Set!! John Dowell

May 5 at 10:57 AM



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Rosemary Pothier And John posted:

Betty and Ted and Katie where really loved by all at Winterset RV Resort. I remember her smile and warm wishes for my healing. We loved to see her riding her golf cart with katie and waving as she went by. So sorry for the loss to all her family especialy Ted. Love to all

May 5 at 6:15 AM



Jerry Albert, Margaret Evans Albert May 8 at 2:17 PM

We met Ted, Betty and girls when Ted moved from Manchester to become assistant football coach and head wrestling coach at Columbia Central. Betty, Shari Ludlow, Chris Melling and I took southern trip on backroads to Williamsburg, Va. We had such a good trip and B&B all the way. The football games where Betty, Annie, Katie, Anna and I went to the away games together. Betty was always smiling, friendly. She was a wonderful, kind person who was an instant friend as soon as she met someone. She's going to be missed especially by Ted.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Betty by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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