



Betty Rae Brown

August 23, 1935 - May 15, 2022

MANCHESTER- Betty Rae (Underwood) Brown, 86, of Manchester, Michigan went to be with the Lord on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at ProMedica Toledo Hospital.

She was born at home on August 23, 1935 in La Porte City, Iowa to Ralph and Gertrude (Cooke) Underwood. At age 16, Betty Rae trusted Christ as her personal Lord and Savior which changed her life completely. Betty Rae graduated from Dysart High School in 1953 and went on to attend Prairie Bible Institute in Three Hills, Alberta, Canada.

On August 25, 1954 Betty Rae married Clarence E. Brown at the First Baptist Church in Vinton, Iowa and they have shared 67 years together. Over the years Betty Rae and Clarence have worked together as a team, raised their children and grown in faith.

Betty Rae was proud of her Scott-Irish heritage and the traditions that were passed on. As a young girl, she would drive a team of Belgian horses on the family farm when it was time to work in the fields. Her love for horses continued throughout life and she owned Belgian horses with Clarence. Betty Rae had a strong work ethic and was always busy in the vegetable garden, canning or freezing produce, or tending to the chickens and gathering eggs. She lived her faith and shared her talents of singing, playing instruments and leading Bible Clubs in after school programs. Betty Rae showed her family by example the importance of hard work, sharing your faith and having fun with those you love.

In addition to her husband, Clarence, she is survived by her children, Samuel E. (Sandra) Brown and Belva Rae (Stephen) Kotlarczyk; grandchildren, Jennifer (Phil) Strunk, Stephanie (William) Mejia, Elizabeth (Bogdan) Kotlarczyk, Lenora Rae (Edward) Hernandez, Caleb (Amanda) Kotlarczyk, Samuel Carl Brown, Sarah (Daisuke) Kai, Selena (Alex) Saenz De Viteri, Sasha Brown, Brianna Kotlarczyk, Sedona Brown and Starr Brown; 16 great-grandchildren; and siblings, Bruce (Bev) Underwood, Beverly Underwood and Billy Underwood. Betty Rae was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, Arthur Underwood, Marian Kisling and Paul Underwood.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Wagley Funeral Home in Adrian with Rev. David Loewen from SEND International, retired missionary from Japan. Burial will follow at Lenawee Hills Memorial Gardens in Tecumseh. Visitation will take place on Sunday, May 22, 2022 from 3 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to the start of the service on Monday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Boys and Girls Bible Clubs at <http://www.bibleclubs.org/>, Far Eastern Broadcasting Company (FEBC), or SEND International-Okutama Bible Chalet Next Generation for Christ. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Lenawee Hills Memorial Gardens

Corner of M50 and M52
Tecumseh, MI 49286

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

Visitation

MAY 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
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Adrian, MI 49221
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Funeral Service

MAY 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Betty Rae Brown*



Wagley Funeral Home - May 20 at 01:02 PM

DA

Betty Rae's life was a beautiful testament to her relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Her life and her Celebration of Life service glorified Him. The worship songs were beautiful, as well as the remembrances of Clarence's and Betty Rae's grandchildren. To God be the Glory! Praise the Lord the way of salvation was shared by the pastor. My prayer is that if there was anyone present who doesn't know the Lord, that the Gospel found good soil in their heart to grow into a saving knowledge of Jesus.

Thank you for videotaping her service and keeping it online for 30 days. It's a blessing for those like me who were unable to attend in person.

Daphne Adams - June 21 at 05:32 PM

JF

“ *I will truly miss our visits, talks praying, and giggles Mrs. Brown. You and Mr. Brown are some of the most loving hard working people I have ever known. Thank you for all the love you devoted with your friendship and laughter and ministering to Dad and my family*

When I saw you not long ago and said to you oh no please Mrs. Brown, let me help you We don't want anything happening to you. You happily said Why? I will be with Jesus❤️



Jill , Gerry Sebby & family - July 04 at 09:24 PM

DA

“ *My deepest condolences to Clarence, Belva, Stephen, Sam, Sandra, the grandchildren and their entire family.*

I've known Clarence and Betty Rae for 20 years or more. What a wonderful couple who truly love the Lord! Praise the Lord! The first time I met Betty Rae, I felt like I had known her for years. Every time we saw each other, we had great conversations. I will miss Betty Rae but rejoice that she's alive and with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Daphne Adams - June 02 at 02:44 PM

DG

“ *One Sunday morning at Calvary Baptist Church, a group of Chinese professionals were gathered at the close of the service in the back of our church. Betty Rae graciously asked them if she could help. They wanted to know if our church would host a Chinese Christian Fellowship group. Since we had just lived in Hong Kong for a year, Betty Rae came running to me and introduced me to this group...those who know us, now know the rest of the story. That introduction ultimate led my wife and me to teach English in Beijing China for almost 15 years. Those folks from the early Chinese Christian Fellowship still remain among our best friends in all the world.*

David H Givens - May 19 at 03:54 PM

SW

“ *Betty Rae was the sweetest lady, she will be missed but we are happy to know we will see her again alive in heaven. prayers for the family left behind for Gods comfort now and in days to come. Love and Hugs to all. Leo and Sandra Walker*

SANDRA WALKER - May 19 at 01:32 PM

MW

“ *I am sorry to learn of Betty Rae's passing, but I know that she is happily planting her heavenly garden and enjoying the peaceful rest of a life well lived in faith and love. I send Clarence and her extended family my deepest condolences and love. I will miss her laugh, smiles, stories, and friendship. She was a very special person in this world and I am grateful to have known her. Rest In Peace and love dear friend.*

Marcia Wells - May 19 at 08:00 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Betty Rae Brown.*



May 18 at 01:02 PM



“ *Betty Rae was a wonderful lady, I enjoyed are visits while cutting her hair. She will be greatly missed.*



Jill Fair - May 18 at 09:19 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Betty Rae Brown.*



May 17 at 11:29 AM