



Betty J. Fretwell

September 11, 1933 - December 30, 2024

HUDSON- Betty J. Fretwell, age 91, of Hudson, Michigan, passed away early Monday morning, December 30, 2024, at her daughter's home surrounded by the love of her family, and under the care of Hospice of Lenawee.

Betty was born on September 11, 1933, in Palmyra, MI, the oldest of Clare and Luella (Loveland) Burch's four children. She graduated from Hudson High School with the Class of 1951.

Shortly after graduation, Betty married Claude C. Allen, and they were blessed with five children- Gary, David, Debbie, Sharon and Bill. The family suffered a great loss when Claude passed away in 1969 following his battle with cancer.

Betty stayed busy raising her family and working at Wacker Silicone for 20 years as an assistant chemist. She was very artistic and taught painting classes out of the family home for many years. She excelled at Brazilian embroidery, knitting and crocheting. She was a talented quilter and family members were often on the receiving end of personalized quilts.

Betty was fortunate to find love again and married John "Mike" Fretwell on October 21, 1971. Mike had two sons, Michael and Terry that he brought with him into their new blended family. The family was finally complete when Betty

and Mike welcomed their daughter Kimberly. Betty and Mike were a wonderful team as parents and also as crafters going to many local craft shows. Mike would create and cut the wood products and Betty would finish them with her beautiful painting. For many years, Betty and Mike were snowbirds, living 6 months of the year at Lady Lake, Florida.

In addition to her husband, Mike, Betty is survived by their children, Debbie (Jeff) Wolcott, Sharon (Scott) Allen, Bill (Deb) Allen, Kimberly Laura, Michael Fretwell and Terry Fretwell; 17 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; siblings, Janice (Joel) Wood, Phyllis (Dan) Mehan) and Richard (Dorothy) Burch. She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Claude Allen; sons, Gary and David Allen; and great-grandsons, Isiah Stephens and Issac Allen.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian. Funeral services will be private and cremation to follow. Betty will be laid to rest at Palmyra Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Palmyra Cemetery

East US 223
Palmyra, MI 49268

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
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Tribute Wall

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“ I was so sad to hear of Betty's death. I enjoyed the time we spent together playing bingo at the American Legion in Hudson on Tuesday nights. My deepest sympathy goes out to her family. Nancy Peltz-Bacon

Nancy Ann Peltz - January 07, 2025 at 09:58 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Betty J. Fretwell.



January 01, 2025 at 07:48 PM

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“ Very sorry to hear of Betty passing. Mike you and family are in our prayers in the days ahead. God Bless all.

Don Betz - January 01, 2025 at 05:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty J. Fretwell.



January 01, 2025 at 11:54 AM

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“ I was so shocked to see this I had just been thinking about Mrs. Fretwell my mom (Rita) and her were friends way way back and in some ladies group I don't even remember the name and I've been talking to my sisters about that she was such a wonderful lady and could teach anyone anything about crocheting and just being such a kind person also went to school with Terry and he definitely made life easier at times at school and was so sweet. My mom and her can start up their group in Heaven.

Sandra Pixley (Smith) - January 01, 2025 at 09:57 AM