



## Betty J. Gross

March 15, 1928 - January 18, 2022

ADRIAN – Betty J. Gross passed away January 18, 2022, after a long and wonderful life.

She was born in Detroit, Michigan on March 15, 1928 to Hugh and Agnes McLaren who had recently immigrated from Scotland. Her Scottish heritage was a source of happiness throughout her life. She grew up in Detroit, in her early years, above the Scottish bakery owned by her father; often working there with her family and friends. The bakery became a gathering place for the extended Scottish community leading to lifelong relationships. She graduated from Cooley High School then attended Albion College. At Albion she met her future husband Charles E. Gross, whom she married shortly after graduation in 1950. Their marriage lasted over 70 years until November 27, 2020 when he predeceased her.

She started a career as an elementary school teacher, but this was interrupted by the arrival of her children and her husband's entry into the navy during the Korean War. The family moved to Adrian in 1961 and she soon found herself busy with raising a family and being an active member of the community. She served the community through the program Healthy Moms Happy Babies, her sorority KKE, her church and was a member of the board of directors of the Stubnitz Foundation. Her bridge club, book club, Albion potluck group and many dinners with friends at the Lenawee County Club enhanced a robust

social life. A true family matriarch, she established with her sister the family cottage at Sand Lake, known affectionately as the OSYC. Her dignity, sense of humor and acceptance established a standard for the family and guests that will be honored by future generations.

In her later years she enjoyed winters on Singer Island, Florida, where her family enjoyed many visits. Her travels led her to many parts of the world and most of the US. Her legacy includes being a friend and example to many, a love of her family and community. Betty maintained a keen sense of humor and quiet dignity throughout her life. In spite of the recent decline in her health she remained extremely interested in both events of the world, her family and friends. A good read was enough to make her look forward to another day. A special thank you is owed to Dallas Walter, Lisa Riley, Hospice of Lenawee and her numerous care givers. Each treated her with love and compassion.

Betty was most proud of her family and her marriage of 70 years. She is survived by her son Charles H. (Margaret) of Tecumseh, Douglas (Sabrina) of Ann Arbor, and Nancy Eggenberger (John) of Canton; her nine grandchildren Max, Bob, William, Natalie, Audrey, Lily, Maricatharine, Olivia and Brian and great grandson, Edison. she is also survived by her sister, Elinor Upjohn and many nieces and nephews with whom she maintained a close relationship through the family cottage. She was predeceased by her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, John and Delores Gross and her brother-in-law, James Upjohn.

Following Betty's wishes, cremation will take place. A memorial service honoring the lives of both Betty and Charles Gross will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home in Adrian. A live streaming of the service will be accessible from Betty's tribute wall at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com) where a link to view the recording will be available for 90 days. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. The family has requested that all who attend be fully vaccinated and be mindful of covid

precautions.

Memorial contributions in Betty's name may be made to the Lenawee Community Foundation Fund for Hidden Lake Gardens to support the Canopy Walk. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
(517) 263-1400  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Betty J. Gross*



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**Wagley Funeral Home** - February 25, 2022 at 10:09 AM



“ *Betty J. Gross*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM

GE

“ Thank you so much for live streaming your parents memorial service. I truly enjoyed hearing all the stories. Working for your dad for over 35 years was a blessing and helped mold me into who I am today. It was always a pleasure to go to work never dreading a day I worked for GPGR. It was always fun to have Betty stop in and she was always interested in how my family was doing. One memory of Chuck was that he always checked the microwave to make sure it was clean, and the bathroom sinks to make sure if you dumped coffee down that you rinsed it out properly. That was a daily ritual. He was always fair and appreciative of your work. I know they felt it was taking too long to get grandchildren and how excited they were when Max was born. Chuck and I continued to try and have lunch at least once every summer or fall to catch up with them. The last time we had to visit them at their condo as they were unable to get out. Cherish your memories as a family as I will always remember them.  
Gloria & Chuck Emery

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Gloria Emery - February 26, 2022 at 01:02 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty J. Gross.



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February 25, 2022 at 03:11 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty J. Gross.



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February 22, 2022 at 01:59 PM



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



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February 21, 2022 at 07:36 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Betty J. Gross.



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February 21, 2022 at 05:28 AM



“ *God speed Betty! I cherished our friendship over the years. I will miss you. Mary Kilgore Vallad*



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**Mary Vallad** - February 16, 2022 at 10:26 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Betty J. Gross.



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February 04, 2022 at 08:52 PM

DA

“ To Chuck & Doug,  
We would like to send our condolences to you & your Familys. Your Mom & Dad sure did raise a couple very nice men, who have done so much for so many which would make your Mom & Dad very proud. We did not know your Mom & Dad personally, but from all accounts they sure were two special people.  
Duane & Marge Allen

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**Duane & Marge Allen** - January 25, 2022 at 09:04 AM

BS

“ DEAR MARGARET AND FAMILY,  
SO SORRY TO SEE ABOUT YOUR MOTHER-IN-LAW'S PASSING. SHE WAS A SPECIAL PERSON IN YOUR BOY'S LIFE AND SHE HELPED MAKE READERS OUT OF ALL THREE. HOPE YOUR LIFE IS GOING WELL. I STILL MISS SEEING THE PEOPLE THAT I USED TO SEE ON THE BOOKMOBILE. TAKE CARE, STAY WELL AND GOD BLESS YOU. BARB SELL

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**barbara sell** - January 24, 2022 at 07:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Betty J. Gross.



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January 23, 2022 at 09:00 PM

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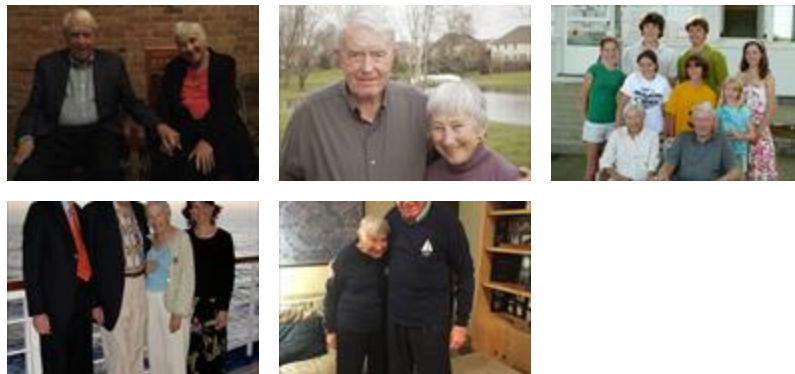
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Audrey Gross - January 22, 2022 at 03:23 PM

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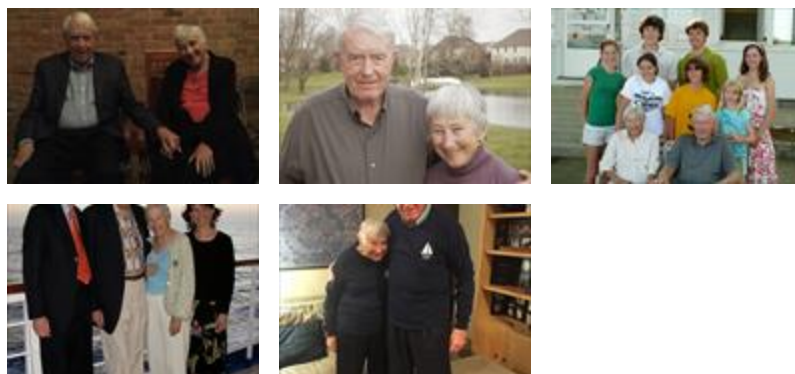
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Audrey Gross - January 22, 2022 at 03:18 PM

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Audrey Gross - January 22, 2022 at 03:16 PM

MJ

“ Betty positively influenced so many people in wonderful ways. For our family it was Betty and Chuck opening up their Sand Lake cottage to the Saline High School crew teams in the formative states of those teams. Imagine that, inviting dozens of teenagers onto your property and into your home day after day throughout the Fall. Without their support I'm not sure those programs would have been able to get off the ground. Although I know Betty only through her son Doug, it is telling to us all how much this woman and her heritage meant to the family by Doug naming his company in their honor. God Bless

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**Michael Jones** - January 22, 2022 at 10:16 AM

MM

“ Doug and Sabrina,  
We are so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. A truly beautiful woman.  
Your parent's generosity and kindness for offering the use of their cottage's lake access for the newly formed Saline rowing team is when we first met them and is fondly remembered. We send our love and prayers for you at this time.  
Gary and Mary

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**Mary McClusky** - January 22, 2022 at 09:17 AM

RS

“ I was privileged to have met Betty years ago when friends with Chuck from Adrian High School in the late 1960s and early 70s. I recall her as a good lady and loving mother. May she rest in peace and prayer to the family.

*Ron Seigneur*

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**Ron Seigneur** - January 22, 2022 at 08:48 AM

BT

“ I was blessed to have met Betty and help take care of her these last 4 months of her life, Yes she was a beautiful lady inside and out, I love listening to her stories about her life and family also I learned how to make a Gin & Tonic that she loved and sometimes insist I have one with her, I'm sad but happy to know she is at peace with her beloved Chuck, I miss her already RIP Betty



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**Belinda Turpening** - January 21, 2022 at 10:47 AM

JG

“ One of the kindest ladies I have ever known. Was honored to serve her at the Lenawee Country Club for 25 years. Thoughts and Prayers to her family. ❤️ Janet Grimes

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**Janet grimes** - January 21, 2022 at 10:17 AM

KH

“ Mrs. Gross was my very favorite Sunday School teacher! What a beautifully kind and sharing person I remember her to be. This must have been in 1966 or 68? She impacted my life so favorably during those few hours of Sunday School lessons that I still remember her so fondly to this day!

*I am grateful to read of her full and rewarding life. I especially send condolences to Nancy as we were friends way back when—(and I recall that she shares her mother's sensitivity and kindness!).*

*Katie McLeod Harvey*

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**katie harvey** - January 21, 2022 at 09:22 AM

DG

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**Doug Gross** - January 21, 2022 at 07:35 AM

DG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Doug Gross** - January 21, 2022 at 07:32 AM