



Elizabeth "Betty" Anne Richard

January 7, 1931 - August 8, 2024

ADRIAN- Elizabeth "Betty" Anne Richard, age 93, of Adrian, Michigan passed away early Thursday morning, August 8, 2024, at Charlotte Stephenson Manor surrounded by her family and under the care of Hospice of Lenawee. Betty was born on January 7, 1931, in Toledo, Ohio. She was adopted by Edward and Susie Mae Kenyon and at age 3 went to live with her grandparents, Clyde and Bessie Pixley. Betty graduated from Adrian High School in 1949, where she had the honor of being Homecoming Queen in her senior year.

It was on a hayride with her friends that Betty first met Glenn Richard. He made quite the first impression on Betty, in fact, she went home and told her family that she had met the guy she was going to marry. On June 18, 1950, Betty and Glenn were united in marriage at the First Presbyterian Church in Adrian. Over the next 74 years they raised a family and shared much love and laughter.

Betty embraced motherhood and providing for her family. She had a green thumb and raised many delicious vegetables in her garden; and when it was time to harvest the produce, you could find Betty in the kitchen where she was busy canning and freezing. Her family can vouch that she was an excellent cook, with tacos and cheese enchiladas being some of her favorite dishes. For many years Betty knitted gifts for her family and friends. When you received a baby blanket, sweater or slippers from Betty, you knew the item was made with love. Once the children were raised, Betty went to work at her

daughter's hair salon, Tangles, where she was the office manager, and a favorite with all the clientele. Betty enjoyed reading her whole life and was routinely in the middle of a book that caught her attention.

In addition to her husband, Glenn, Betty is survived by their children, Randy (Lindy) Richard and Beth (Scott) Jessee; grandchildren, Diane Foos, Grant Jessee and Connor Jessee; great-grandchildren, Robert Foos and Olivia Foos. She was preceded in death by her parents; grandson, Thomas Howard; and several siblings.

A memorial visitation will be held on Friday, August 16, 2024, from 6 to 8 PM at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian. Burial will be private and Betty will be laid to rest at Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Lenawee or the Lenawee Humane Society. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG **16**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

NL

“ Nancy L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth "Betty" Anne Richard.

Nancy L. - August 17, 2024 at 02:58 PM

SA

“ Small but mighty ❤️ You reminded me of my mom. Love you Betty 🙏
💕 You will be missed.

Sandie - August 14, 2024 at 09:59 AM

“ Tribute to Grandma, PART TWO!

From Diane, Betty's granddaughter. ♥♥

Now that I am close to the age she was on that night we met, I reflect on the impact she has had on my life. She was a constant from my formative years and she will continue to be. As is true for everyone, my life has had many ups and downs, twists and turns...I have spent a lot my fighting for kids in the legal system....mostly kids who have been neglected, abused, or molested, or caught in the middle of a terrible divorce, or, of course, my passion, special needs kids. In the last 5 years, I have settled into a business that employs young adults with disabilities and other at-risk young adults, teaches them skills to make it in the workforce, and gives them a community of love, support, and encouragement.

I love my job and I spend most days pouring into my own biological kids (who have also had their share of bad cards dealt to them) and/or my adopted work kids...many of whom have disabilities, mental health issues, have suffered trauma in one way or another, are estranged from family members and/or family members are deceased. We have been recognized and won a number of awards for creating a culture of acceptance, diversity, and inclusivity...a safe space for some of our most marginalized members of society. I have not done all of this for awards and attention, however. It is the lifestyle I have chosen.

I was recently asked by a good friend how I got here? And who in my life had influenced me down this path? She said, "was there anyone in your life that inspired you to pour into these kids and love them all so unconditionally? Did you have an example in your own life?" Of course, it goes without saying...it was her. It was always her.

I am so sorry to miss this time together with family and would have been there in a heartbeat if I were not overseas. I am with you all in

spirt. Sending lots of love.



Diane Foos - August 13, 2024 at 03:56 AM

DF

“ Tribute to Grandma, PART ONE!

Hello, this is Diane, Betty's granddaughter. 💕

My tribute will be broken into TWO PARTS because I can't fit it all in one ☀️.

It has been hard to put into words the impact she has had on my life, and now other's lives through me...I am going to speak for Tom/Tommy (my deceased baby brother) in this post as well, as I know he felt the same way, and I know he would want me to. This may end up more like a stream of consciousness haha! But I just want to get as many memories as I can published about her!

What blessed and lucky little ones we were to have had Betty (G-ma, as she referred to herself when speaking with us), in our lives! We arrived in Michigan with our mom and Randy (who had already accepted us as his own) when we very small. I can now tell that Randy (we call him Dad because that is what he is and has always been to us), had received many of G-ma's wonderful traits: loving, encouraging, joyful, supportive, and welcoming, to name a few. Having someone accept you and raise you as their own child after your father has passed is a very special gift in and of itself, but it did not stop there. We also received the most beautiful gift of a grandmother figure that we had never known. Our situation was unique. It was a small town. She could have easily chosen to casually fulfill her role of grandma to these two unexpected babies outside of her bloodline. Looking back now as an adult, I would not have faulted her for that...but that is not what she did. She immediately went ALL IN from DAY 1, and she was there for ALL OF IT...the good, the bad, the ugly, of our childhoods...of our lives...

One of my earliest core memories was the night we arrived in Michigan and met her. There she was, standing in a blue bathrobe that I can recall to this day. I was too young to remember much else, but a genuine feeling of warmth and love. From that moment on,

she was a constant in our lives. Spending time, playing games from her game closet (and letting us beat her), playing cards (and letting us beat her), sleepovers, going down her slide with wax paper, sledding, taking walks, caring for us when we were sick and our parents had to work, and of course, swimming. She spent hours and hours of her life on that deck watching us swim! G-ma, watch this! She ALWAYS watched!

She was at every game, every meet, every awards ceremony, always our biggest fan! It did not matter how mediocre we were at something (haha)! She was always encouraging, loving, listening, always there.

There were traditions she created around family birthdays, family Christmas celebrations (she set up a nativity scene each year and then would wait patiently for us to move things, around, only to sneak in and move them again, and watch us try and process what was happening (haha))!!!

Knitting crazy sweaters and slippers for me and my friends. Later, knitting baby blankets and sweaters for my babies and everyone else's! Not to mention the dishcloths! I am obsessed with the dishcloths!

*******SEE PART TWO!!**

Diane Foos - August 13, 2024 at 03:23 AM

SS

Beautiful memories of a beautiful Lady and Granddaughter and Grandson.

Sibyl Schug - August 13, 2024 at 12:35 PM

RG

“ My wonderful memory of Betty is her wonderful thoughtfulness of wanting to help others. Year after year she would hand out Turkey Drive flyers from her beauty salon for our annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive. Not only did these flyers help but her kind donation was deeply appreciated. She had a huge heart and cared very deeply about the less fortunate. Thank you Betty. You will be missed

Roy Gonzalez

Roy Gonzalez - August 12, 2024 at 08:48 PM

BS

I loved her sunny personality and charm. She was a person to emulate.

Brenda Schug - August 14, 2024 at 07:43 AM

BK

“ Barbara K. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Anne Richard.



Barbara K. - August 12, 2024 at 06:48 PM

PM

“ Beth, we are sending our deepest sympathies to you and your family at your mother's passing. We never knew her, but feel as though we did from all you shared about her. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Pat and Tom Muldary

Pat and Tom Muldary - August 12, 2024 at 05:35 PM

LP

“ Betty was also a life member of the Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority, Alpha Omicron Chapter here in Adrian where she had many “sisters.”

Lona Pettit - August 12, 2024 at 02:31 PM

TT

“ The Hills of Texas purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Anne Richard.



The Hills of Texas - August 12, 2024 at 12:09 AM

TT

“ The Hills of Texas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth "Betty" Anne Richard.

The Hills of Texas - August 12, 2024 at 12:09 AM

VH

“ We lived next door to and Glenn and Betty with our two boys and two girls, all around Beth's age.

I spent so many warm summer days sitting with Betty watching my four and her one (because Randy was a big teen by then) cavort in their backyard pool.

In the winter months the five would be out in the snow, still all together playing.

Betty was always smiling, kind, loving, welcoming to our big, young-maybe raucous?-family.

We all still have wonderful memories of those years that were so formative for our children.

May her memory be a blessing

The Hill Family of Texas

Virginia Hill - August 12, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ A memory that I have of Betty started when I was playing baseball. there was this kid hissing a fit with the umpire. I asked, "who is he?" Well, we all know who "He" was. As I was looking over to the bleachers, there was a gal knitting and as "He" got louder, this lady crawled behind what she was knitting. I said who is that Lady? Another player said, "That's his mom." My first time seeing Betty. That was the first but not the last. I moved into their house for a few months and was treated as one of their own. Over the year's we did become family. I did receive a few of the knitting projects and our kids got sweaters and blankets and those were passed on to their children. I had a lot of visits with Betty and got to thank her for all she did. But I also wanted to thank Glen for putting up with me. Also the fishing trip on Lake Huron. Thanks for the Memories.

Jim Schug

Betty welcomed me with open arms, I guess she figured since I was with Jim I must be ok. That was almost 49 years ago, many Christmas cards and knitted items later. Glen tried to tell me the history of pictures on the wall and when I said "Really?" He looked at me with a straight face and said "No, not really" We will miss you Betty. Our hearts are with you, Lindy and Randy, Beth and Scott.

Sibyl Schug

Jim Schug - August 10, 2024 at 04:14 PM

DF



Diane Foos - August 13, 2024 at 04:12 AM