



Elizabeth Ann Bishop

March 26, 1936 - May 9, 2021

SAND CREEK – Elizabeth “Betty” Ann Bishop, age 85, of Sand Creek, went to be with her Lord on Sunday, May 9, 2021, with her family by her side.

Betty was born on March 26, 1936, in Adrian to Lewis E. and Ardith “Maxine” (Ragless) Griffith. Betty graduated from Sand Creek High School with the Class of 1953.

On June 5, 1954, Betty married her beloved husband, Warren Paul Bishop, Sr., and they were blessed with over 66 years together. They started their family soon after and enjoyed raising their four sons together.

Betty was a devoted follower of Jesus Christ and a strong prayer warrior. She loved music and was a gifted pianist. She worked at the Salvation Army for many years, working in the office and as the pianist for Sunday Services. One of her joys in life was sitting at the piano and going from song to song in the hymnal, playing each with gusto. Betty volunteered at Bixby Hospital, Adrian College and at the Croswell Opera House for musical performances.

Family was the focus of Betty’s life and she captured many special memories in photographs that filled numerous family albums. As well as raising children, being active with music and church, Betty could also be seen as a farmer’s wife driving a four-wheel tractor or chasing cows back to the barn. Betty was

insightful and enjoyed taking part in a rousing conversation.

In addition to her husband, Betty is survived by her sons, Warren (Connie), Daniel (Nancy), Carl (Becky) and Gerald (Sarah) Bishop; 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, with another on the way. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Dorothy Rathke.

Funeral services will take place on Friday, May 14, 2021 at 11 a.m. at Maple Avenue Bible Church with her son, Pastor Gerald Bishop officiating. Burial will follow at Sand Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

The funeral service will be live streamed through Maple Avenue Bible Church's Facebook page.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army in Adrian, MI. Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian, where online memories and condolences may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Sand Creek Cemetery

440 Bryant Road
Sand Creek, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Maple Avenue Bible Church
735 W. Maple Avenue
Adrian, MI

Funeral Service

MAY 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Maple Avenue Bible Church
735 W. Maple Avenue
Adrian, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Elizabeth Ann Bishop*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *I have just learned that Betty has gone to live with our Lord. I knew her only through her visits to Sounds of Light. I will always remember how she would always come by well before Christmas to pick out something special for each grandchild. I admired her dedication and devotion to her family. It just made me happy to talk with her. She was a Godly inspiration to me and I'm certain to many many others and leaves a beautiful legacy.*

Mary Schaap - May 21, 2021 at 10:23 AM



“ *Fred remembers Betty taking care of him when he was little. Our sympathies to her family. We are sorry we missed the funeral as we did not know about Bettys passing. I remember her as always having a smile. Fred and Donna Birdsell*

Fred Birdsell - May 17, 2021 at 05:55 PM



“ *To Betty's sweet family, We have so many wonderful memories of Betty when the family lived in the Woodland area. Such a dear Christian woman it was a joy being around Betty. We are remembering all in our prayers. Jack and Shirley Smith*

Shirley Smith - May 14, 2021 at 08:44 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann Bishop.*



May 13, 2021 at 08:18 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann Bishop.*



May 12, 2021 at 11:35 PM



“ *Dear Bishop Family,
So sorry about Betty. We know she's in a better place and no longer suffering. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Take care.*

In Christian Love, Elaine and Alvaro Rozo Bueno

Elaine and Alvaro Rozo Bueno - May 12, 2021 at 07:39 PM



“ *Betty was a good friend and cousin. She kept me informed of family and was very caring. We were close in age and I knew her all my life. God was her Guide and Saviour and she is now in His Presence free from pain and rejoicing. I will miss her phone calls. My prayers continue for Paul and all the family.*

kathy stewart - May 12, 2021 at 06:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann Bishop.*



May 12, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ *What a beautiful life she led. Thank you to the family for such a thoughtful obituary which made me smile at words like “gusto” and “robust”! And now I understand where the grandchildren get their musical talent. Our prayers are with you all, especially our Pastor Jerry and family.*

Will and Nancy Strohschein - May 12, 2021 at 01:13 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann Bishop.*



May 12, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ *Betty was an awesome musician. I was going to join the Salvation Army songsters and was asked to sing a solo for an audition, but the music was not in my Key...she told me to give her a note and could adjust from there. She was amazing on that piano, and a lovely woman!*

Joan Kalaski King

Joan Kalaski King - May 11, 2021 at 09:51 PM

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“ DEAR PAUL AND BOYS,
I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR BETTY, BUT AT LEAST SHE'S NOT
SUFFERING AND CAN GREET ALL THOSE WHO WENT ON
BEFORE. SHE WAS A REAL ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY AND
HER PERFORMANCE AT THE SALVATION WAS GREAT. TAKE
CARE, STAY SAFE AND GOD BLESS YOU AND YOURS.

BARB SELL

BARBARA SELL - May 11, 2021 at 12:54 PM