



## JoAn M. Beal

November 1, 1929 - April 15, 2013

ADRIAN – JoAn M. Beal, 83, of Adrian, passed away Monday, April 15, 2013, at Grand Court under the care of Hospice of Lenawee.

She was born November 1, 1929, in Ecorse, Michigan the daughter of Robert and Marian (Armstrong) Eberts. JoAn earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Eastern Michigan University.

On January 8, 1956, JoAn married Samuel Beal in Adrian, and he survives. JoAn taught for many years in several school districts including, Adrian, Madison, Ypsilanti and Lincoln Park. She also supervised the student teachers for Adrian College. For several years JoAn and Sam owned and operated hardware stores first in Manchester, and then in Tecumseh, Michigan.

Over the years JoAn was active in many churches including St. Francis of Assisi in Florida, the United Church of Christ in Manchester, Christ Episcopal Church in Adrian, and the Adrian First United Methodist Church. One of her proudest accomplishments was her completion of her Education for Ministry from the School of Theology from the University of the South in 2001.

JoAn's high-energy spirit set an example of living life to the fullest for the many people she and Sam encountered through church, volunteering, traveling and for their family. JoAn was also an active volunteer for Hospice of Northwest Florida and Hospice of Lenawee. As a life-long learner JoAn and Sam enjoyed extensive travels abroad through Elder Hostel.

In addition to Sam, her husband of over 57 years, she is survived by their

children, Kathie (Bill) Essex of McCormick, SC; Connie (Steve) Benz of Adrian; and Bill Beal of Blacksburg, VA; eight grandchildren: Sean, Wendy, Todd, Matt, Noah, Jeanne, Maggie, and Colin; ten great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Jean Eberts and brother-in-law, George Parkinson.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Joyce Parkinson, brother, Robert Eberts, and daughter-in-law, Linda Beal.

A memorial celebration of JoAn's life will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 4, 2013, at the First United Methodist Church in Adrian with Rev. Gary Dawes officiating. The family will receive friends Friday, May 3, 2013, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home.

Contributions in memory of JoAn may be made to Hospice of Lenawee or the First United Methodist Church. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 3. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
(517) 263-1400  
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

## Visitation

MAY 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
1245 West Maple Avenue  
Adrian, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *JoAn M. Beal*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of JoAn M. Beal.*

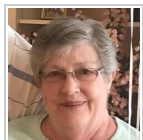


May 03, 2013 at 10:44 AM



“ *My sincerest sympathy to my friend Sam and all of JoAn's family. She was a genuinely lovely person and I was honored to be her friend. I was always so glad to see Sam and JoAn when they visited Gulf Breeze. She was a little ray of sunshine. Many hugs to you, Sam, old friend. Sharon Hamner*

**Sharon Hamner** - May 01, 2013 at 06:44 PM



“ *Mac and I have known JoAn and Sam since the 80's when we all played golf at Lenawee Country Club in Adrian. We retired to Niceville, Fl in 1992 and found them in Tiger Point, Fl. We were lucky to be at Sam's 80th birthday party. They were always so upbeat and fun to be with. She will be missed.*

*Barbara and Al McDowell*

**Barbara McDowell** - April 21, 2013 at 04:25 PM

SM

“ I am sorry to hear the loss of JoAn. I always remember her great smile and just a great person to be around. I remember JoAn volunteering with Sam at the Daily Bread of Lenawee in Adrian. She will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with Sam and the family. God Bless. Scott A. Marvin, Adrian, MI

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**Scott A. Marvin** - April 20, 2013 at 12:08 PM

MB

“ Grandma was always energetic with a constant positive attitude. When she came in to a room you KNEW she was there.

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**Matt Benz** - April 20, 2013 at 08:58 AM

NB

“ Grandma was simply one of the most positive, caring and optimistic people I have ever met and I am blessed to have had her in my life and my family's life. She made me feel important and loved every time we were together. The amazing thing is that she had the rare ability to make everyone feel that way. I will miss her voice, her energy and her love.

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**Noah Benz** - April 19, 2013 at 09:05 PM

VB

“ *Grandma Beal made us feel special. She didn't miss a beat. She was the very first one to call on your birthday, sometimes long before you were up! But, it was a joy to listen to she and Grandpa singing Happy Birthday year after year. I missed that this year. Not having my own grandparents with us anymore, when I married Noah, it was a treat to have grandparents again! Grandma was a strong and spunky woman and always brought an energy to family gatherings. I am so fortunate to have had her in my life and in the lives of our children. Heaven gained an angel and I am sure she is smiling down on us.*

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**Vanessa Benz** - April 19, 2013 at 08:39 PM

SE

“ *Jeanne's note about staying at Grandma's brought back a similar memory. I was probably 10 and I stayed by myself with them in their condo about the hardware store. They let me explore the store room -- kind of scary. Then we made slushies and popcorn and the three of use sat on the floor and watch the "Born Free" movie about lions. Grandpa would periodically wake up and watch with us.*

*Also, or years, I followed Grandma's recipe for Pecan Pie. One year I couldn't find it so I called her up. She told me she just followed the Karo Syrup recipe, but she did mix light and dark syrup. Just another example how Grandma added flair to the simplest of things.*

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**Sean Essex** - April 19, 2013 at 03:37 PM

SA

“ I lost my last grand parent when I was 17. I was very fortunate to gain yet another Grandma after marrying Jeanne. I always felt a part of the family when I was around Grandma. She welcomed me with open arms, literally, always greeting me with a hug and smile.

She saw the good in everyone, and she saw all the good in life. Not that she didn't win me over right away, but I knew she was a "keeper" at my first Beal family reunion at Auth Kathie's and Uncle Bill's house. I marveled at her being up "late" with all of us revelers. She took it in stride and laughed with (not at) me.

*I'm grateful to have known her. Grandma will be missed.*

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**Santino** - April 19, 2013 at 09:19 AM

SA

“ JoAn had a special way of touching other's hearts with her smile. She found the good in everyone and celebrated life with such joy and compassion. She truly lived her life as a saint of God and I know she would probably smile if she thought that I think of the Episcopal hymn, " I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" when I remember JoAn.

*We pray for you all.*

*Sue Allshouse*

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**Sue Allshouse** - April 18, 2013 at 10:05 PM

MW

“ Mrs Beal never gave up on me...I thought I could not swim....would not try....she was so kind and encouraging....I did learn to swim before the year was over. I've never forgotten her because she believed in me. Thank you, sweet lady, from a 67 year old former student.

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**Marilyn Karr Warner** - April 18, 2013 at 01:57 PM


NS

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**Nancy Swearingen** - April 18, 2013 at 12:41 PM

 Jeanne  
Benz  
Profenna

“ I have so many fond memories of Grandma, it's hard to recall just one. She was always SO FULL of life and spirited. Whenever she would see you she would smile, smack her hands together and give you a hug. Every conversation would start with her asking what was going on in YOUR life. That focus and care and love she had for all of us was magical.


When Santino and I were living in our first house she and Grandpa came to an Elder Hostel here in Toronto. They learned all about the theatres and musical history of Toronto. At the end of the trip they stayed at our house. It was important to her to be able to see where we were living and have some time with us in our house. I really appreciated them coming to our city and learning more about us. We got to take a cool tour of the Winter Garden Theatre due to their connections from the Elder Hostel and they also invited us to a musical. She was always thinking of others and always learning.

I also remember a very special birthday I had when I was in elementary school. For my birthday that year I got to stay with them at their apartment in Manchester. It was such a treat to spend time there, by myself. I always remember the JESUS wood-cut sign that hung in the kitchen. They bought me Cabbage Patch figurines which was VERY cool to me at that age. She really made me feel special.

And, how can you forget the Thanksgivings? When I think back to those gatherings I remember the games, the pies and all the laughs. Grandma was there, in the center enjoying the entire family.

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**Jeanne Benz Profenna** - April 18, 2013 at 11:38 AM

 Jeanne Benz Profenna

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**Jeanne Benz Profenna** - April 18, 2013 at 11:30 AM

MA

*She was always so elegant but still down to earth at the same time and a wonderful teacher. It comes as no surprise that she still loved learning. Please give my best to your Mom and Dad, as well as my sincerest warm thoughts of sympathy. They're good old friends of mine. How your Mom and I loved your Grandma's Pool Shows....and we were GOOD, by the way. 8-). Ask your Mom. Hugs.*

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**Marybeth Anderson** - April 18, 2013 at 05:57 PM


 Jeanne Benz Profenna

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**Jeanne Benz Profenna** - April 17, 2013 at 10:59 AM

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**Jeanne Benz Profenna** - April 17, 2013 at 10:58 AM



*Lovely photos Benz's. Our condolences. Pete and Patti Casteel*

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**Patti Casteel** - April 17, 2013 at 04:31 PM