



## Ann B. Martin

November 8, 1926 - November 23, 2014

TRAVERSE CITY- Ann B. Martin, 88, of Traverse City, passed away Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014. She passed away at home with her son and best friend by her side.

Ann was born Nov. 8, 1926 in Lansing to Ernest and Leatta (Harris) Brutschy. She was a retired school teacher with a love of the outdoors. Ann enjoyed sailing, hiking, nature photography and was a member of the Audubon Society.

Surviving Ann are her son John Martin; grand daughter Caitlin Martin; grand daughter Michelle (Sean) Vanessen; great grand daughter Dagny Vanessen; best friend Marge Fergione and many other beloved friends.

Ann was preceded in death by both of her parents and her partner in life, Doug McCormick.

A funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 5, 2014 at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, with visitation held one hour prior. Burial will follow the service at Oakwood Cemetery.

In honor of Ann, attendees are asked to dress casually/outdoorsy and any flowers sent, be wildflowers.

Memorials in Ann's name may be made to the Grand Traverse Lighthouse Museum or Grand Traverse Audobon Society.

Please visit [www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com](http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com) to share your memories of Ann with her family.

# Events

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**DEC**   **Funeral Service**   11:00AM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home  
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

# Comments

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“ To the family of Ann Martin, Ann was a very nice, kind person who will be missed. She was my sons teacher. I will always remember her kind smile and gentle personality..  
Ann never forgot us through the years. When we would see her in a store or anywhere, she always would stop to talk and always knew our names. A very special lady.  
The Skrzypczak family

The Skrzypczak family - December 03, 2014 at 09:37 AM

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“ We send our prayers to all for comfort for your soul, peace for your heart and strength to get through this difficult time. It is never easy to lose a parent. You miss them every day. I know I miss my dad very much. You just have to focus on the laughter and great memories you made over the years. May God rest his hands on your weary shoulders and help you along your path. All Our Love, The Strang Family

Dorene Strang - December 01, 2014 at 09:10 AM

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“ Karon - Ann was so fortunate to have had you as a caregiver these past months. You were so kind and gentle with her and I know she was grateful for that.

John - You saw Ann's needs and responded with patience and love. She returned that total love for you . You were always #1 !!!

It is hard to lose my friend after 40+ years of fun and adventure and even sorrow. The last few years took their toll on her physical strength but not her spirit. She fought the Parkinson's with every particle of her being.... I never heard her complain. She was hoping for one last trip ( to Alaska!) but had to settle for a recent visit to the Brown Bridge former pond site.

There were so many adventures together and so many wonderful memories to cherish.... Cross country skiing, snowshoeing, sailing, kayaking, biking the TART trail, searching for wildflowers, ( she was always hoping to make a book with her photographs identifying them until the pond and it's wildlife disappeared) . We traveled to Canada and Alaska, walked with her beloved dog Emma, hiked every trail in Grand Traverse and Leelanau county, camped, , always watching for birds and wondering what was around the next curve. I will treasure her many exquisite carvings and also her photographs so expertly composed.

Ann never had an unkind word for anyone and never met a dog she didn't like. She always put the needs of others before herself. She was one of a kind.

Always , your pal . I will think of you with every snowflake and ray of sunshine. R.I.P

Marge Forgione

**Margaret Forgione** - November 30, 2014 at 02:55 PM



“ Marge, thank you from the bottom of my heart for being the very best friend and partner in crime to Grandma. ?

**Michelle Vanessen** - December 03, 2014 at 09:15 PM

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“ Karon Crawford Nieuwenhuis lit a candle in memory of Ann B. Martin



**Karon Crawford Nieuwenhuis** - November 30, 2014 at 09:07 AM

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“ I was Anns care giver for the last 6 months of her life. She was such a wonderful person. Even though Parkinson's was controlling her life, she still wanted to be outdoors. She could barely walk and still wanted to be outside. I became very close to her and she will be dearly missed! John you are a very strong man for putting your life on hold to take care of your mom. I know she loved you very much! She was also very thankful that you took care of her and didn't put her in a home. I'm so glad I got to be a part of her life. Love always, Karon

**Karon Crawford Nieuwenhuis** - November 30, 2014 at 09:05 AM

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“ John, you won't remember me, but I remember meeting you and your mother Ann on the Boardman Trail one day last year when you were taking her for a walk in her wheelchair. Ann and I conversed about our teaching careers and love of the outdoors. Her spirit and gentle countenance touched my heart, and I've remembered that chance meeting and both your names for quite sometime now. I could tell Ann was a lovely woman inside and out from our short conversation on that warm sunny day out in her beloved Nature. You have my sincere condolences. Mary Dame Tuttle

**mary tuttle** - November 30, 2014 at 07:52 AM