



## Betty Jane Brehm

May 28, 1928 - December 8, 2018

Traverse City- Betty Jane (Alexander) Brehm, 90, of Traverse City passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 8, 2018, at the Grand Traverse Pavilions.

Betty (BJ) was born on May 28, 1928 in Chicago, Illinois to Frederick and Agnus Meckel.

On June 27th she married Dean Alexander who preceded her in death in April of 1976.

After such a heartbreaking loss she moved to Traverse City where her parents had left her a home on Long Lake. Betty loved her life on the lake and her boat "Happy Days". Her biggest thrill during that time was learning to waterski at the age of 51.

In 1980 she married Larry Brehm a good friend from the old neighborhood. They were blessed with 38 fun filled years together and made many happy memories together.

Betty is survived by her husband Larry, her daughters and their spouses Jill and Ray Benson and Beth and Alan Leman. Her grandchildren; Christopher (Angela) Leman, Jordan (Carly) Leman, Monica (Rob) Federer and Alex Benson, as well as great grandchildren; Emma Howell-Leman, Connor Leman, Caleb Leman, James Leman, Rory Federer and Madeline and Amelie Federer.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Dean Alexander and their son Scott Alexander.

A private burial will take place in Chicago in the spring.

Please share your thoughts and memories with the family on Betty's tribute page at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

The family is being cared for and served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

# Comments

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“ I was saddened to hear of Betty's passing. She was a member of our local Bettys club, Bettys by the Bay, for many years and I used to pick her up for our monthly meetings. We missed her at those meetings once she was too ill to attend. May she rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family in this time of sorrow.  
Betty Plough

**Betty Plough** - December 14, 2018 at 08:01 PM



“ Dear Beth, Alan, Larry, Jill and Families,  
I was so saddened to hear of Betty's passing. She was a lovely lady from a very special family. Jim and I first got to know her parents, Fred and Ag Meckel and her grandmother, Mother Hurley back in 1968. We were just married and rented next to them on Micky Lake. Despite the age differences we all became great friends and were so happy to finally meet Betty Jane who they talked about all the time and absolutely adored.  
I am sure they are as delighted to have her with them in Heaven as they were when she came up to the lake! If Heaven allows, Fred is mixing cocktails and throwing everything into them but the kitchen sink! Jim is probably by his side!  
I got a tear in my eye when you mentioned her boat, "Happy Days." To this day when people are toasting and saying "Cheers" I say, "Happy Days!"  
So as much as you will miss her, picture her with her wonderful family surrounding her and know that from now on all her days will be happy. With deepest sympathy and much love,  
Sharon Jennings

**Sharon Jennings** - December 18, 2018 at 08:28 PM