



Betty Jane Finout

December 20, 1922 - August 6, 2019

Betty Jane Finout, 96, of Lake Ann passed away August 6, 2019 at Munson Hospice House in Traverse City.

Betty was born in Clare, Michigan, December 20, 1922, daughter to Jesse R. and Gladys (Lackie) Hampton.

Betty's entire time on this earth was one big adventure. She was the sort who loved to explore and push her limits. She had a long and impactful career as a physical education teacher and coach at various school districts: Owosso, Lake Fenton, Fenton, and Holly. Through her passion for athletics and fitness she touched the lives of many students throughout her tenure.

After retirement Betty moved to Traverse City for a short time, and then built her dream home on Lake Ann. She wanted to live on the northwest side of the lake so her precious 1941 Aeronca Super Chief (float plane) would have a safe place to rest until her next airborne adventure. Betty, an avid pilot flew into her mid-seventies. She was an active member of the Ninety-Nines, International Organization of Women Pilots.

Betty was extremely active in her later years, and was heavily involved with the Senior Olympics, taking home wins in all sorts of events, all over the country.

Betty loved spending time on the water, especially fishing for steelhead.

Betty is survived by her long-time friend and partner Samantha Niergarth; children Guy Finout III (Linda) and Janet Roberts; grandson Harry Ehrman IV; and many other extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Guy Finout Jr., and daughter Nancy Finout.

Join Betty's family in honoring and celebrating her life, Saturday, August 17, 2019, 3PM, at

Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, 305 Sixth Street, Traverse City, MI 49684. Receiving of family and friends will begin at 2PM and will continue until the time of service at the funeral home.

Betty will be laid to rest at Cherry Grove Cemetery, Clare, MI at a later date.

Betty and her family are being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery

Cherry Grove Cemetery

500 Schoolcrest
Clare, MI, 48617

Events

AUG 17 **Celebration of Life** 03:00PM
Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

Comments



“ Betty was intelligent, funny, curious, and an endless supply of energy! Her spirit will always be remembered.

May time help lessen the pain for her family.

Arnie, Beth, and Christopher Noe

Beth Noe - August 16 at 09:21 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Jane Finout.



August 15 at 08:53 PM



“ Betty and I flew Baby Bird to Wisconsin.....fantastic trip. What a great Memory...

Paula Vivyan - August 14 at 01:41 PM



“ Carol Snyder lit a candle in memory of Betty Jane Finout



Carol Snyder - August 11 at 08:22 PM



“ Our hearts go out to Betty's family and friends.

Carol Snyder - August 11 at 08:29 PM



“ We met Betty almost forty years ago hitchhiking between Flint and Kalamazoo. Besides giving us a ride, she gave us a place to stay then the next day flew Rhonda in her float plane on Silver Lake, near Fenton to Rhonda's summer job as a lifeguard on Holloway

Lake. Betty was a very kind and adventurous soul.

Michael Estes

Michael Estes - August 12 at 11:11 AM



“ We first met Betty when she was finishing the construction work on her amazing home in LA. She met us at the side of the house with her tool belt around her waist. We could write a book about all of the fun we had together over the years and of how she enjoyed life to the fullest. Gary and Betty shared the same birth day, so there was an immediate bond. She would drive us out to the middle of a meadow at dusk, turn off the headlights and we would watch the deer. She would fly us in her seaplane low over the dunes, then suddenly pop up to look down into the hidden areas in the sand to surprise unsuspecting sunbathers. We would fish off the end of her dock or the pontoon boat and spot for snapping turtles in Lake Ann. One day we walked her back yard and discussed the pond she wanted to build. She went fishing for a couple of days and returned to find the pond we had dug while she was gone. Then we marveled over the years at how she brought it to life with flowers and rocks. The frogs and wildlife just came on their own. Oh Betty, how we will miss you. You were one of a kind and one wonderful gal. We will always love you.
Gary and Carol Snyder

Carol Snyder - August 11 at 08:20 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Betty Jane Finout.



August 09 at 09:22 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Betty Jane Finout.



August 09 at 02:39 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Jane Finout.



August 09 at 10:29 AM



“ I remember when Betty landed her plane on Higgins Lake, right next door to my place.! She knew my friend, Barbara Lundy, who also knew Sammy. Barb taught P.E. in Linden and shared a place with Sammy. I also remember Betty bringing her daughter, Jan, to The Timbers Girl Scout camp in Traverse City, by plane. We were blown away. And I remember sweet Nancy. God Bless you all.

Gail Lynch - August 08 at 10:40 PM



“ Thoughts & Prayers are with y'all! She was a Great teacher met her in Holly. Very Kind & Loving Lady. So Sorry for your loss, she's in a much Better place now in Heaven.

Connie Karwoski Basore - August 08 at 04:25 PM



“ Guy and Janet, I have a few good memories of your Mom, but loved that when took her turn as a mom watching kids in the neighborhood swim, she actually taught us. I remember her taking us to the Capital Theatre downtown Flint to see Pollyanna. What a big experience for a kid in the early 60's. She was indeed, quite the woman. She left lots of memories!

Chris Chapelle Wolfram - August 08 at 03:13 PM



“ Had her for a gym teacher in the 70's at Holly High School always loved her class, she was one of my favorite teachers ! so sorry for your loss !

tammy lortz - August 08 at 01:31 PM



“ Sorry for the loss of your mother Janet, she was a great gym teacher. I remember her days at Lake Fenton. It was nice reconnecting with you at GISD, who would have thought. Take care and give me a call some time when you are back in this area.

Darlene Kay (Upper) Dean

Darlene Upper-Dean - August 08 at 01:24 PM



“ Jan and Guy, I am so sorry for your loss. In my teens I was lucky to have her take me for a plane ride. I remember her as being so kind, cheerful and energetic. Hugs to you.



Nanette Inman Krueger - August 08 at 01:10 PM



“ Brenda Jackson lit a candle in memory of Betty Jane Finout



Brenda Jackson - August 08 at 12:41 PM



“ She was a great lady and raised some great kids. May she rest in peace and now she really is flying high.

Brenda Jackson - August 08 at 12:45 PM



“ I have to say Betty made a big impression on me when I met her . She shared a seat at the dinning room table with my Great Aunt Dot at Bay Ridge . She had a wonderful laugh , lots of great stories and a giant and beautiful personality. she was always so sweet and concerned about my aunt and how she was feeling when she didn't show up for meals . She always told me I was a good person for being there for my aunt . I sure would have never guessed her age because she seemed so young at heart and

you would never have known what she was going through because she was a go getter ! I feel lucky to have one of her wooden butterflies she made . The whole family is in my prayers



Michelle Marrow - August 07 at 08:37 PM



“ Debbie Wooters lit a candle in memory of Betty Jane Finout



Debbie Wooters - August 07 at 06:32 PM



“ Betty was a very special lady. Always had a great story or two to share.

Debbie Wooters - August 07 at 06:34 PM