



Beverly Jean Carroll

May 8, 1932 - January 21, 2021

Beverly Jean (“Bev”) Carroll passed away on January 21, 2021. (And her children thought she was holding out for the inauguration of our 46th president.) She was born on Mother’s Day, May 8th 1932 to Elmer and Marie Richards. And perhaps that was no small coincidence in that she always embodied the very best qualities of an exceptional mother.

Growing up in Greilickville, just across the road from West Bay, she enjoyed ice skating in the Winter and swimming in the Summer with her siblings, Gary, Gloria, Nancy and Kay. She was a 1950 graduate of Traverse City Central. She gladly maintained several of her high school acquaintances attending luncheons and most recently her 65-year class reunion.

She was married to Bernard T. (“Bernie”) Carroll on August 25, 1951, and early on assisted him in caring for his mother, Mary, and working the family cherry farm. Being at the half-way point to (or from) town on the Old Mission Peninsula, their farmhouse welcomed frequent visitors; the coffee pot was always on and they loved “drop-in” company and conversation about the latest peninsula happenings.

One of her favorite pastimes was baking. There was hardly a birthday or special event when she was not called upon to whip up one of her tasty cakes. Her fruit pies were also out of this world. Her cherry pie was legendary. At Christmas time she worked tirelessly for several days baking cookies, candy and fudge. At the end of her efforts ten to 15 trays would be delivered to friends and family. Simply, her baking was a demonstration of her love for all those she cared about. Her Sunday dinners were also a special treat; a pork loin, mashed potatoes and gravy along with other delicacies were always well prepared and served to perfection. She hosted a Christmas Eve party, which was a delight for family and friends for countless years.

Bev was a member of the St. Joseph’s of Mapleton Catholic Church and its Lady’s Guild. She served as Eucharistic minister, and she was always available to meet the needs of another parishioner, whether making a casserole, responding to a call from a prayer-chain

member, or ironing the altar linens. But more importantly, she lived her Catholic faith in her everyday life through service, generosity and love.

Family always came first with Beverly. She loved all her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and spoiled them every chance she could. Even being employed full-time, she never missed a school or sporting event involving her kids. She was always well dressed, kept a spotless home, and prepared five-food-group meals nightly. Not only was she each child's greatest cheerleader, but she was also a consummate caregiver. She cared for two elderly aunts and her late husband without hesitation or complaint.

Hard work was a basic tenet of her life. She lied about her age to get her first job as a hostess at the Park Place Hotel. After high school she was employed by Michigan Bell Telephone. Her career at Bell lasted 37 years, first as a switchboard operator then later as a clerk in the Assignment Department. After her retirement in 1998 she enjoyed traveling, reading, volunteering at the Father Fred Foundation, and an occasional trip to the casino.

She is survived by her three children; Richard (Julie) Carroll, and Daniel (Teed) Carroll of Traverse City and Cynthia (Barry) Wolf of Grand Blanc. And two sisters; Kathleen ("Kay") (Jerry) Donner of Traverse and Nancy (Wally) Phillips of Petoskey. Three grandchildren; Aynsley (Matt) Born of Traverse City, and Courtney (Nate) Emerick and Lindsay (Andy) Roeser of Grand Blanc. Six great-grandchildren; Parker Roeser, Cameron Roeser, Emerson Roeser, Jack Emerick, and Briggs Born and Tory Born, a number of exceptional nieces and nephews as well as her dearest best-friend, Lenore Berlin. She was predeceased by her parents, Elmer and Marie Richards, her husband Bernie Carroll, and her brother Gary Richards and sister Gloria Kinnee.

It is the family's intent to hold a funeral Mass in the Spring for which notice will be published in this newspaper.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Father Fred Foundation. <https://www.fatherfred.org/> or 826 Hastings St., Traverse City, MI 49686.

Comments



“ I talked to this dear lady only once on the phone about 5 years ago. We discovered we had the same name . I am Beverly Jean Carrol (one L) Born in 1969. Your Bev. was a lovely person. God take care of her!

Bev. Jean Carrol (yes same name in TC.) - May 02, 2021 at 02:57 PM



“ Luvd Bev and Bernie!!!! Always FUNN TIMES!!!! Our sympathy to all! Luv, Loretta and Squeeg

LORETTA LUDKA - January 29, 2021 at 07:55 AM



“ I knew Bev from church, Women's Club and as a special person. She would come to our farm, Bewitched Farm, and get rhubarb every Spring. Bev was such a sweet lady and always brought us cookies. She is missed. We drive by her farm a lot and think of her. We know she is in a better place and enjoying her New home with our Lord. Martha and Roger Myers



Martha Myers - January 27, 2021 at 09:12 PM



“ Sending our love, big hugs, and prayers for all of you Bev was always so sweet and loving. Love the Kern Family

jaimie kern - January 26, 2021 at 07:10 AM



“ Our condolences Dan to you and your family. Hold on to all the memories you made with your mother.

Paul and Maryanna Hathaway

Paul Hathaway - January 26, 2021 at 05:44 AM



“ Bev, You are missed. You made our days better. Thank you for so many fantastic memories. Melissa and Frank

Frank Marshall Ambrosius - January 24, 2021 at 02:12 PM



“ So sad to hear this.

Mary Myers - January 24, 2021 at 07:57 PM



“ So many memories of this great lady! She was a dear friend to my parents (the late Bob and Mary Lou Murphy) and oh could she laugh, it was a joy to hear that sound!! Back when she worked at Michigan Bell and I was just 18 years old, my parents went on a fall color tour trip in my uncle's motor home, and I was involved in a pretty bad car accident and we didn't have anyway to reach my parents (back before cell phones). Well Bev called everywhere she could think of leaving word with every police department and they were finally located because of her effort and determination, we were so thankful to her for this!! Her Christmas Eve gatherings were legendary and the baked goods were amazing, my Dad's favorite part. She will be missed by all that knew her - there is no one else like her - one of a kind!!!

Karen Murphy Nichols

Karen Murphy Nichols - January 24, 2021 at 12:18 PM



“ Jody and I were saddened to hear of Bev’s recent passing. She was such a valued Michigan Bell employee and always a joy to work with. When we came back to the Traverse City area, it was so good to renew a friendship and see that great smile!

Our hearts reach out to your whole family in sympathy. She has completed her journey...
and is now safely home.

Bob Smith - January 24, 2021 at 11:50 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Bev's death. I lived on the farm next to them on the Peninsula. I babysat for the children several times. If Bernie could see me outside he would holler over to see if i could babysit. The reason is hollered was because we were the last telephone line for Traverse City and they were the first line Old Mission. The call cost 10¢. They both were beautiful people. My sympathy to you.

Mary Lou Cooledge - January 23, 2021 at 05:55 PM



“ Bev will be missed by all who knew her. She was kind, generous, loved to share a good laugh and practiced her faith everyday by all of her kind actions for family, friends and those she didn’t know.
Bev will be missed by our entire family and always opened her home to us. She was the best of friends to our Mom and together they shared many wild and crazy times! Our loving thoughts to Cyndy & Barry, Dan & Teed, Ric & Julie and all of her grand-children and great grand-children. You all made such a caring and loving life for her, especially in the last few years! Bill and Liz Hemming

Liz Hemming - January 23, 2021 at 04:34 PM



“ Sorry for the loss of your beloved mother. May your memories help sustain you during this difficult time. Prayers for all. Dick and Carol Page.

Carol Page - January 23, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ Bev made me laugh with her funny and pointed observations, as I had the pleasure of meeting Bev and working for her and her family. My deepest sympathies to Cyndi, Dan, Rick and Family! Beverly and all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Sam

Sam Abood - January 23, 2021 at 01:44 PM



“ Bev always had a smile on her face. You could count on her to brighten up your day, no matter what you were going through at the time.

Jon Breithaupt - January 23, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ Cindi,
What's very lovely tribute to your Mom. Both your Mom & Dad really made a impact on my life... just knowing them both and was a real joy to see them at church. Such wonderful memories for me. .
May your Mom R.I.P. along with your Father.
Love, Eileen

Eileen T. Hubbell-Olson - January 23, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ All the smiles, hugs and words of wisdom she shared come to mind when I remember Bev. Visits, card games and of course her love of sharing her baking skills. Rest peacefully.

Mary Jo Lance - January 23, 2021 at 08:11 AM



“ I will always remember Bev's smile and heart felt laugh. She was a wonderful storyteller with a sense of humor.
My father LOVED Bev's apple and cherry pies.
She shared a generous life with many. Thank you Bev.



Barbara Solomonson - January 22, 2021 at 11:56 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Bev's passing. She was a warm hearted, lovely and kind woman.
May she rest in peace.
Granddaughter of the late Gary Richards,
-Shawn Richards



Shawn Richards - January 22, 2021 at 07:25 PM



“ Ohhh Bev!! I'm so sorry to loose you. You were such a wonderful friend for many many years. I will never forget you in operator services when you worked the floor. We never knew if we were being listened to by the chief operator but I did because you'd walk behind me and punch me in the back!! Happy thoughts!! You were one in a million!
Dan, I'm so sorry for your loss. I didn't meet your sister but I did know she taught with my cousin at Carmen School. My cousin passed away last April.



Judy Aeschliman - January 22, 2021 at 06:55 PM



“ Cindi, Dan, Ric & family,
So sorry for your loss. They have received an angel in heaven. I so enjoyed spending time with her & will never forget her laughter. She was a wonderful woman. Sweet dreams Bev!

susan Miner - January 23, 2021 at 04:12 PM



“ condolences to the family always enjoyed conversations with Bev George Mcmanus

George A mcmanus - January 22, 2021 at 05:52 PM