



## Donna "Betty" Bursian

September 28, 1922 - March 19, 2017

TRAVERSE CITY - Donna Elysabeth "Betty" Bursian passed away quietly March 19, 2017, at 94 years of age.

Betty attended Petoskey Schools; the Episcopalian prep school Kemper Hall in Kenosha, WI; and Michigan State College. She worked as a nurse at Little Traverse Hospital in Petoskey until she married her high school sweetheart Robert "Bob" Bursian in 1946.

Betty was a Secretary and charter member with her family of the Grand Traverse YMCA in the 60's. She was a traveling lecturer for Weight Watchers, and worked for the Traverse City Public Schools in the media processing department. Betty was a voracious reader and enjoyed gardening and crafts.

Betty is survived by her three children, Steve (Barb) Bursian of Haslett, MI; Mary Dame of Traverse City, and Mark (Hongying) Bursian of Handan, China; a brother, George (Beverly) John; grandchildren, Christopher Bursian, Sarah Dame, Jeremiah Bursian, Ashley Bursian, and eight great-grandchildren; as well as several cousins in Petoskey.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, George and Juanita John, loving husband Robert, brother Dean John, grandson Joshua, and granddaughter Kristin Coriano.

The family would like to thank the staff at Traverse Manor Assisted Living for their loving and attentive care throughout Betty's nine-year residency.

A memorial service will be held at Grace Episcopal Church on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 11 a.m. with visitation held one hour prior at 10 a.m.

Memorials may be made in Betty's name to the Traverse Area District Library or Grace Episcopal Church.

Please share your thoughts with Betty's family by way of her online guestbook at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>. The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

# Cemetery

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**Grace Episcopal Church**

**Columbarium**

341 Washington St.

Traverse City, MI, 49684

# Events

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**APR Visitation 10:00AM - 11:00AM**

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**APR Memorial Service 11:00AM**

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# Comments

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“ Godspeed. I will always be thankful for our holiday luncheons in Traverse City, John so enjoyed the laughter as did I. Bob and Betty, rest in love. Peace

Michele Bueker - April 03, 2017 at 06:06 PM

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“ Bob and Betty Bursian have been dear friends since . . . a LONG time ago.. I first became acquainted with them when Bob (Mr. Bursian) was principal of Central Grade School and I was a 7th grader (in 1956). Then I came back to Central Grade to teach in 1967 and Bob was then my supervising principal. Betty was a dear friend because of my acquaintances with Bob. They were friends of my parents--a family friend. I have valued their friendship and level of guidance they gave their "students". I didn't know their children but if they are half as wonderful as their parents, they have a lot going for them.  
My sympathy to them and the rest of the family.

Vera (Pike) Pascoe - April 03, 2017 at 02:35 PM

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“ How sad to read of Betty's death, but she is with Bob and happy again. My sympathy to Steve, Mary, Mark and the rest of the Bursian family. What fond memories I have of Betty, first with Tri-Hi-Y and then our friendship grew. We laugh we we figured out we were almost related. Reflecting back, we sure did have a good time together. May peace be with you.

sylvia burns - March 23, 2017 at 04:26 PM