



Elizabeth "Betty" J. Fleis

February 2, 1927 - October 26, 2019

Betty J. Fleis, a life-long resident of Traverse City, passed away on October 26, 2019, at the age of 92. She was born on February 2, 1927, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Irvin and Emma (Knepper) Equitz. She met her husband of 47 years, Thomas J. Fleis, while she was working on the railroad. They were married on February 15, 1947.

Betty was a seamstress and worked at Tru-Fit Trousers for many years. She was a member of the V.F.W. Women's Auxiliary and Saint Francis Catholic Church. She enjoyed sewing, reading, playing cards, watching Wheel of Fortune, and her favorite pastime was BINGO.

She is survived by her children: Nancy LaBonte, Barbara Arteaga, Terri (Larry) Lautner, Dorothy (Pete) Grant, Joseph Fleis, Patti (Steve) Fleis, Daniel Fleis, Mary (Dan) Snyder, Rose (Rick) Johnson; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Betty was preceded in death by both parents; her husband, Thomas Fleis; her sons, Thomas Fleis Jr., John Fleis, Steve Fleis; her daughter, Margie Deadman; her grandsons, Tod Lautner, Ryan Leach, and Daniel Fleis Jr.; as well as all her brothers and sisters. A memorial service honoring Betty will take place at 11:00 a.m., with visitation one hour prior, on Wednesday, October 30, 2019, at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. Rev. Fr. Kenneth Stachnik will officiate and a luncheon will follow.

Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with Betty's family at her tribute page at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

Comments



“ Oh my goodness, Tiffany and Terri! Darrell

Your Mom was such a sweetheart! I always enjoyed seeing her at your family functions and it trickled me to see how much she enjoyed bingo! I know she'll be missed so much! I'm so very sorry for the loss of your wonderful mother and grandmother.

Love,

Bevi & Darrell

Beverly Miller - October 31, 2019 at 07:39 PM



“ My sympathies to all of my cousins. Your mom, "my Aunt Betty", always had a way with making me and everyone one around her feel special. God bless her soul and may her perpetual light shine on us. Peace and love to you. Love Angela (Fleis) Brzeczowski

Angela Brzeczowski - October 29, 2019 at 11:52 PM



“ We lived next door to the Fleis family on Rose Court. Mrs. Fleis was a hard worker and a sweet lady. She made the best home baked bread.

Kerri Powell Hamilton - October 28, 2019 at 06:23 AM



“ Betty, Tom and family lived next door to us on Rose Court for many years. I remember picking cherries with their family for several years to make money for school clothes. I remember her turning the engine off and letting the car drift down the road leaving the orchard. Thank goodness there was not a seatbelt requirement back then. She was an amazing woman that worked very hard to support her family. Our mom was again a neighbor with Betty at Grand Traverse Pavilions. She was able to share lunch daily with Betty.
Our condolences go out to the Fleis family. May Betty Rest In Peace.

Terri Andresen - October 27, 2019 at 03:56 PM



“ My favorite childhood memory of Aunt Betty was she was always in the kitchen baking bread while me and Terry were in the farmhouse mud room churning butter. I believe she made twelve loaves of bread everyday to help feed her family. She was definitely a hard working woman. I never knew bread and butter could taste so good. Love you Aunt Betty!

Thelma Fleis Dasho - October 29, 2019 at 05:59 AM



“ One of my favorite memories of Grandma's is her homemade bread. I remember spending weekends at Grandma and Grandpa's and Grandma would get up super early to start making bread. She would let me help her, I will always cherish those special moments with her.

Lynn Laskey (Fleis) - November 07, 2019 at 08:27 AM