



Elizabeth "Betty" June Koehler

June 21, 1925 - October 26, 2014

Elizabeth June Koehler passed away on October 26, 2014, at age 89, after a short illness. She was born in Bay City, Michigan on June 21, 1925 to Ted and Gwen Blair. She married James F. Koehler on February 17, 1945. He predeceased her. Surviving are their 3 children: Gary Blair Koehler, who resides in New York City, Karen Anne LaPres (Alfred), who reside in Traverse City, and Kim James Koehler (Anne) also from Traverse City; 4 grandchildren, Jaimi Elizabeth Stanley (Aaron) Mt. Juliet, TN, Joshua Wenzel Koehler, Aurora, Ohio, Kara Marie Eskeli (David), and Dustin LaPres (Michelle), both of Traverse City, Michigan and 4 great grandchildren. She also leaves a sister Jean Learman (Richard) and was predeceased by another sister, Barbara (Bobbie) Lindsay (Warren), both of Bay City. Also sharing in her celebration of life are many nieces and nephews, and very good friend, Phyllis Mansfield.

Betty was a strong Christian and conservative contributing her time and resources in their cause(s). She will be remembered as a practical joker with an incredibly contagious laugh, normally at inappropriate times (making it that much more fun for her). She loved all her animals, both domestic and the wild animals she would feed from her back porch.

A gathering and celebration of Betty's life with stories and memories will take place Saturday, November 1, from 1:00 -4:00 PM at her home, 240 Washington St., Unit 7, Traverse City, MI.

Those wishing to make an expression of celebration may contribute to their local Humane Societies or to Wyatt Koehler Stanley's pro-life memorial in Betty's name.

Comments



“ Dear Kimmy, Karen and Gary,
I was so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Aunt Betty was truly a special lady, so loving, talented and joyful. The few crafty things my mom made were inspired by something Aunt Betty made and taught her to do. She was very deep and spiritual, but that didn't stop her from enjoying a good silly laugh. The last time I saw Aunt Betty, I was visiting my mom and Aunt Betty dropped by. She was telling my mom some funny story and they were giggling like young girls. I could see why my mom loved her so much - what a blessing to have that kind of friendship!
May God comfort your hearts in this time of loss.
Love,
Julie Kramer

Julie Kramer - October 30, 2014 at 12:11 PM



“ Dear Kimmy, Karen and Gary,

I am so sad to hear about Aunt Betty passing away. She was one of my favorite aunts. I loved her cute voice and her kind disposition. I will always remember going to visit Uncle Bud and Aunt Betty's and swimming in the big pool. Those were some fun times. I still remember the time Mom and Dad had a party and I was taking a shower and forgot to lock the door. Aunt Betty walked in to wash her hands and looked at me and said "Hi Tommy". Aunt Betty was such a true friend to my Mom and Mom loved her dearly. Aunt Betty truly made this world a better place. She is now up in heaven keeping Uncle Bud company. May God bless all of you during this time of loss.

Love,
Tom Grimaldi

Tom Grimaldi - October 30, 2014 at 09:14 AM



“ Dear Gary, Karen and Kimmy,
I am so very sorry for your loss. Aunt Betty was our Mom's best friend and our dearest aunt. I'll always remember the wonderful times we had at your house whenever we came to visit ~ which was often. Your dad taught us about "tube steaks for the kids" and your mom introduced us to s"mores! And all those beautiful animals your mom loved so much and I remember how comforting she was to me when our cat Sammy died. She was definitely one of the God's best and it was a privilege to call her "aunt". Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord.

amy estes - October 30, 2014 at 08:20 AM



“ Dear Karen, Gary and Kimmy, I was sad to learn of your mother's death. There are so many memories I have of each of you and of your mother and dad and grandparents. All of the memories were happy for me. I will always remember Karen teaching me to eat ice cream with just the bit on the spoon I could ingest in one bite...otherwise I would not be ladylike. Kimmy, swimming with us in the always cold pool on the Cass River and my beloved friend, Gary, making my NYC adventure memorable...at least the first time. Aunt Betty, Uncle Bud and the Blairs will always be a fond part of my childhood and I will remember them with love for the rest of my life. My thoughts are with each of you,

Ruth Grimaldi - October 28, 2014 at 03:52 PM



“ Dear Betty's Family:

We are so very sorry for your loss. We really enjoyed talking to Betty whenever she came in. She was so very sweet and kind.

Lindy and Patty
Miracle Ear

Miracle Ear - October 28, 2014 at 11:51 AM