



## Lucille Evelyn Barratt

April 26, 1913 - February 9, 2013

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Lucille departed this earthly home to join her beloved husband and her Lord, Jesus Christ in her heavenly home on February 9, 2013.

Lucille was born on April 26, 1913 to Fred and Grace (deBest) Baker in Port Oneida. On September 9, 1938, she married the late Jack L. Barratt who was the great grandson of Carsten Burfiend, the original settler of Port Oneida. They celebrated 69 years of a blessed marriage when Jack left this world in 2008 for his heavenly home. Her father Homesteaded his farm in 1910 in Port Oneida. She lived her entire life on this farm, only leaving to follow Jack to South Manitou Island while he served in the United States Coast Guard and again for two years in Southern Michigan as he learned his carpentry skills.

Following high school, Lucille attended the National College of Education in Evanston, IL for three years during the Great Depression, and received her Michigan Life Teaching Certificate. She went back in 1960 to receive her Bachelor's Degree in Education. Before marrying Jack, she taught in Leland and Bessemer (in the Upper Peninsula). Lucille continued teaching in this area at Empire, Glen Lake, the Leelanau Schools, the "little red schoolhouse" on M-22, Cedar, Maple City, and Glen Lake Community Schools. She retired from teaching kindergarten in 1976 after 34 years of love and devotion to the children of Leelanau County. There is a saying in the area, "If YOU didn't have Mrs. Barratt as your kindergarten teacher, then your children or your grandchildren did"!

Besides a full time job teaching, Lucille helped, first her father, and then her husband, tend the 500 acre farm in Port Oneida. They raised crops of hay, oats, wheat, and corn which sustained their livestock of chickens, cattle, sheep, pigs, and a large stock of horses which were mostly bred and raised on the farm. Lucille enjoyed a life-long love of horseback riding and taught the skill at nearby Camp Kohahna for over 45 years. She and Jack were known to have the best string of camp riding horses in the state.

From rescuing shipwrecked sailors on Lake Michigan to years of teaching, both kindergarten and horseback riding, Lucille's memories are many and varied. For those who knew her well, it was never a surprise to hear her say that life contains many wonderful things and so much fun. She often would counsel that "life is what you make it". She was a Charter member of Glen Lake Community Reformed Church where she taught Sunday School "forever" and was a member of the choir and assisted in many other activities at church. Her faith was her strength and patterned her life. In retirement, she and Jack enjoyed traveling, both nationally and internationally. She was adept at sewing, knitting and other needlework, gardening, and served many years on the Maple Valley Nursing Home Auxiliary.

Lucille is survived by her children, daughter Laura Lee (Ron Winkler) Dezelski of Lakewood Ranch, FL and Port Oneida; and son, Colonel Fritz Barratt of Port Oneida; granddaughters, Jacki (Mike Kennedy) Dezelski of Bradenton, FL; Christi Dezelski Lowe (Major Joey Lowe) of Bad Windschiem, Germany; and grandchildren, Micah Kennedy and Lucille Kennedy of Bradenton, FL. She is also survived by two sisters; Ruth Oleson of Traverse City and Greta (Alex) Fisher of Knoxville, TN.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. The family asks that contributions be made either Glen Lake Community Reformed Church or to the Friends of the Sleeping Bear c/o Fritz Barratt.

Please sign Lucille's online guestbook at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>. The Family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

# Cemetery

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## **Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens**

3575 Veterans Drive

Traverse City, MI, 49684

# Comments

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“ In the 50's, "Mrs. Barratt" was my beloved teacher at the Leelanau Schools in the Fish House (one room school house) - but her love and skill with horses is where we truly clicked. She taught me everything I knew about horses, and eventually I came to own one of the Barratt horses, Sam. I can still close my eyes and be with "Lou" riding through hills, forests, beaches, and even the camp ring. The farm was my second home, and Laura Lee and Fritz have been lifelong friends. The fond memories I hold for Lucille will be with me always. So much love to all who were lucky enough to know this remarkable lady, and so much love to the family. I will never forget her.

Adele (Huey) McCall

Adele (Huey) McCall - February 13, 2013 at 03:33 PM

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“ Our condolences to your GREAT family! We wish you all a special peace. From your friends at Gregory Plumbing & Heating; Dave, Ann & Jeff.

Jeff Piotrowski - February 12, 2013 at 02:56 PM

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“ Fond memories of visiting Jack and Lucille at the farm with my mother, Nancy Olsen. My family is ex-Port Oneida. We bought our beautiful cottage land from the Barratts and were practically neighbors for many years. The horses were a big part of our relationship but it didn't end there. They are both dearly missed.  
Susan Olsen Rader, Glen Arbor, MI

Sue Olsen Rader - February 11, 2013 at 03:28 PM

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“ Aunt Lucille was a little bit of a reminder of my family history. I brought my husband to meet her and Uncle Jack . It was as if we had seen each other just a few years ago. Lots of good memories of the farm, sheep and horses. She gave me Last Chance when they got rid of the last of the trail horses. Great lady.  
Marcia Burfiend Williams  
Gulliver, MI

Marcia Williams - February 10, 2013 at 08:21 PM