



## Beth Hamel

July 24, 1936 - April 8, 2019

Marian Elizabeth "Beth" Hamel age 82, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away late Monday morning, April 8, 2019, in her room at Freighter View Assisted Living. Beth was surrounded by her family as they sang her into the presence of her Savior.

Beth was born on July 24, 1936, in Rosedale, Michigan to the late Roy and Marion (Atkins) Mitchell. She graduated from Sault High School with the class of 1954. She then attended Soo Tech(LSSU) for two years, then finished her education at Bob Jones University, in South Carolina, earning her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She attended Young Adults, at First Baptist Church in the Soo, during her Soo Tech days where she met Chester "Kent" Hamel of Cedarville. They were married on August 22, 1959, at the First Baptist Church of Sault Ste. Marie. Beth worked as an elementary school teacher her entire career. She taught in Pickford her first year, then moved to Cedarville where she taught 3rd and 4th grade until she retired in the early '90s.

Beth became a Christian early in her life when she realized that she was a sinner and needed a Savior. She lived her Christian faith in many ways throughout her life. She enjoyed hosting international students from Cedar Campus during the holidays, singing in the choir of First Union Church in Cedarville as well as singing in many weddings, being active in various roles within Child Evangelism Fellowship for over 40 years (hosting and recruiting hostess for 5-Day Cubs, being on the local committee and State Board,

teaching the missionary story at Release Time in Pickford), and serving the Lord in many ways at Lighthouse Baptist Church in Hessel (Marion Norlin Missionary Society, teaching Sunday School, special music, etc.). She was an avid reader her whole life, especially enjoying the authors Grace Livingston Hill, Martha Finley, Gene Stratton Porter, and Jamie Langston Turner.

Beth is survived by her: two sons: David (Deborah) Hamel of Forest, VA, and Daniel (Ruth) Hamel of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; five grandchildren: Courtney Hamel, Chad Hamel, Jesse (Beth) Hamel, Jordan (Miranda) Hamel, and Rachel (Mark) Wigginton; and four great-grandchildren: Kaitlyn, Brenden, and Logan Hamel, and Hudson Hamel. She is also survived by her sister, Marjean (Luke) Lucas of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, and several dear cousins.

Beth was preceded in death by her parents, aunts and uncles, and her husband. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, May 25, 2019, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with Pastor Floyd Lamoreaux and Pastor Larry Witte officiating. Friends may gather at the funeral home from 12:00 noon until the time of the service. Burial will be at Donaldson Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Child Evangelism Fellowship of the EUP, P.O. Box 2004, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I have always cherished Beth. A great lady and a great wife for Kent.

*Strong in faith and gentle in spirit.*

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**Tony Van Dort** - November 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Funny story: Lighthouse Baptist (then Les Cheneaux Baptist) in Hessel was my first pastorate in 1982. After about 6 months there we had our first baptismal service with Kent, Beth, Daniel and 5 others baptized. I wanted to make sure I did it correct (complete immersion) so when Beth came up out of the water and I noticed her bangs were still dry I sent her right back down. She is the only one I've ever "double-dipped."

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**Rev. Paul Hutchins** - April 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Freddie and I send our love and prayers to Beth's children, family and friends. We know she is in a better place singing in the Lord's choir with her beautiful voice! We also know her loving husband, family and friends all welcomed her to her heavenly home! You will be missed very much Beth but we know we will all see you again some day soon!



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**Freddie & Dawn (Perkins) Melton Sr.** - April 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Didn't see Beth much in the last years but treasure the times we got together in her home. She was always so kind, soft spoken, and endearing.* ”

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**william vernagus** - April 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM