



## Betty Lou Bailey

March 15, 1931 - February 9, 2022

Betty Lou (McClure) Bailey, age 91, of Drummond Island, Michigan, died on February 9, 2022, in St. Ignace, Michigan. She was born on March 15, 1931, in Charleston, West Virginia.

Betty was a foundling. In 1931, she was warmly wrapped in a baby blanket and found in the Lobby of the Kanawha Hotel in Charleston, WV. She was adopted by John Quentin "Qwee" and Mary Katherine (Roseberry) McClure. Her childhood and High School years were spent in neighboring South Charlestown, WV. After graduating high school, Betty began work with PPG Industries. With the help of a night-school degree in Business Accounting, she eventually worked her way to the PPG Headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she met Frank "Gerry" Bailey of Drummond Island, Michigan, and they married on November 26, 1971, in Winchester, Virginia. She retired from PPG after 51 years and they moved to Drummond Island. They've been married over 50 years, of which the last 22 years were on the Island.

Betty was a member of the Drummond Island Historical Museum board. Also, she was Drummond Island Tourism Association interface for twelve years. She thoroughly enjoyed promoting Drummond Island and talking to the public.

Betty enjoyed outdoor sports, water skiing, snow skiing, tennis, and golf. But

flower gardening has been her love throughout her life.

Betty is survived by her husband, Gerry Bailey; son, Scott (Cindy) Bailey; daughter, Sharolyn (David) Steele; brothers-in-law, Byron (Janet) Bailey and Kevin (Karen) Ledy; grandson, Zachary Huston Steele; and her cat, Katie Komulaine Bailey.

Betty was preceded in death by her adoptive parents; and father and mother in-law, Buster and Edna Bailey and Lawrence and Lillian Ledy.

A Memorial Service will be held at Drummond Island Lutheran Church on June 25, 2022, at 11:00 A.M. The final burial will take place at Drummond Island Cemetery with a luncheon to follow.

Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation in Pickford, Michigan is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.galerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.galerfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Drummond Island Cemetery

34318 S Townline Road  
Drummond Island, MI 49726

# Previous Events

## Gathering

JUN **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Drummond Island Lutheran Church  
29515 E. Channel Rd  
Drummond Island, MI 49726

## Memorial Service

JUN **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *It has been several years since Betty and Gerry and I spend time together enjoying wonderful times but I often think about those days in Pittsburgh. There are so many beautiful memories. Betty and Gerry were truly very special to me. I am sad to read of Betty's passing and I hope that Gerry is doing OK. Much Love, Loretta Bobby Hanwell*

Loretta Bobby Hanwell - December 03, 2024 at 02:15 PM



“ *Betty Lou Bailey*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Betty Lou Bailey*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Betty Lou Bailey*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Mary Ledy Williams and Betty Ledy purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Betty Lou Bailey.*



Mary Ledy Williams and Betty Ledy - June 23, 2022 at 07:27 PM

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“ Gerry I’m so sorry this is so late. I only just heard of Betty’s passing. Betty was a wonderful person and I enjoyed the many family visits we had over the years and at the DITTA office. I also admired the love and devotion you both shared for each other. Sending love, hugs and prayers to you and the family. Nancy Ledy

Nancy Ledy - March 13, 2022 at 03:02 PM

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“ Dear Gerry, il am so sorry for your I love and prayers. Martha

matha tassier - February 19, 2022 at 09:43 AM

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“ Gerry and family,  
So sorry for your loss. Betty and her dedication and impact on Island tourism will be remembered always. What a great addition to Drummond, and the Bailey family. Thinking of you all at this sad time. Share your memories during this time, it will help to bring you comfort.  
Hugs,  
Mike & Diane



M&D - February 19, 2022 at 09:12 AM