



## Betty Jane Wilks

May 4, 1941 - May 13, 2022

Betty Jane was born May 4, 1941, in Copemish, Michigan to Homer and Beverly (Carpenter) Morris. Betty was a graduate of Copemish High School in May, 1959. She was a member of Woodville Christian Reformed Church in Woodville, MI and First Pysbeterian Church in Crossville, TN. Betty spent many faithful years working for the US Postal Service as a rural carrier and clerk. She was married to the late Winston Wilks for 61 years.

Betty wasn't afraid of challenges and was a creative soul enjoying all manner of arts and crafts. She enjoyed sewing, cross stitch, macrame, basket weaving, and was recognized in Tennessee for her work with stained glass. She was an avid antique collector, with a special affinity for Harlequin dishes. She was a terrific gourmet cook with a heart for entertaining others. Betty and Winston were avid travelers.

Betty is survived by her children Jeffrey (Darla Thompson) Wilks, Jennifer Wilks, and Matthew (Sue Anne Cleary) Wilks, her grandchildren Jeffrey Wilks, Jessica (Charlie) Cantwell, Adam (Heather) Wilks, Aaron (Kandie) Wilks, and Allison Wilks, and her great grandchildren Declan and Ryker Wilks.

Betty is also survived by her sisters Rita Minteer, Susie Morris, Peggy (Dave) Witkop, JoAnn Smith-Guerra, and her brother Ellsworth "Butch" Morris. She was preceded in death by her husband Winston, her parents, her brother Dick

Morris, sister Patricia Morris, and granddaughter Hannah Jane Wilks.

Celebration of Life

July 2, 2022

1:00 PM

Elks Club

Sault Ste, Marie, MI

Interment

East Dalton Oakhill Cemetery

Dalton Township

Muskegon, MI

Memorials may be left to Hospice of the EUP.

# Tribute Wall

BH

“ *Betty and Winston will always be in our hearts. They were a rock for our First Presbyterian Church, having been a major part of some of the most foundational aspects of our church's early history. Enormously capable, enthusiastic, faithful and spiritually mature, they were a great inspiration to all who knew them. Later, when Winston had a stroke, a number of men from Men's Bible Study developed a roster where we could visit with Winston for a few hours to give Betty some time to go out. We had a great time reminiscing with Winston about his boyhood adventures in Michigan. Praise the Lord for their strong faith, and we look forward to when we will see them again!* ”

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**Bill and Sara Hoover** - June 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *I was a care giver for Winston. Soon, Betty and I became friends. After Winston's passing. Betty and I would go out for breakfast do some shopping and get together for cocktails. I really enjoyed both Winston and Betty and feel fortunate to have been able to meet them both. They will be sadly missed.* ”

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**Judith Constable** - May 28, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Betty and Winston were close friends to us. I taught High School with Winston. We have taken trips with both Betty and Winston and as well as attended gatherings with several couples in White Cloud. Betty and Winston were a joy to be around. We had lots of laughs! Here is a memory of one of their funny antics. They loved to bicker. That was the wonder part of being with them. It was creative, light hearted and a joy to see what was next. One year Winston grew a nice garden. He thought if he grew the vegetables, Betty could be in charge of canning them. At harvest time Winston brought a bushel of string beans and set them on the kitchen table. Betty saw them a little time later. Betty picked up the bushel basket and tossed the beans over their balcony to the ground and that's where Winston found them! Betty and Winston were the greatest of friends and were an integral part of our small community. They are missed.

*Our condolences to their family,  
David and Pat Gacchina*

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**David Gacchina** - May 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ I knew Winston and Betty for many years as we were members of First Presbyterian Church. Betty was a fun, upbeat person, always had a smile and a quip. So sad to hear of her passing. God Bless her family.

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**Sandy Vincent** - May 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ We met Winston and Betty when we joined First Presbyterian Church of Crossville in 1998. Have enjoyed their friendship since then. You have our prayers for your loss. They will truly be missed here.

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**Charles and Charlotte Flowers** - May 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ so many fond memories of Aunt Betty...she was a favorite of mine, her artistic talents, her stylish ways, her fun sense of humor! Love, Missy

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**Melissa Hoffman** - May 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM