



Betty Jane Stahl

December 7, 1944 - April 22, 2025

Betty Jane (Gage) Stahl, age 80, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away peacefully at home on April 22, 2025, surrounded by her loving husband and family, under hospice care. Born on December 7, 1944, in Newberry, Michigan, she was the daughter of the late Harold and Mary (Krause) Gage of Engadine, Michigan.

Betty graduated from Engadine High School on June 7, 1963, and on June 8th of that same year, she married Lyle Melvon Stahl at the Wildwood Mennonite Church in Engadine. Their 61 years of marriage were filled with love, dedication, and service to others.

Throughout her life, Betty had a passion for creativity, often sewing for her family, crafting doll clothes and toys, and even purchasing her first sewing machine with the money she earned from her first job. She also had a deep love for gardening, cultivating beautiful flowers around her home, and preserving homegrown food for her family. Betty's nurturing spirit extended beyond her own family; she cherished children and spent many years teaching Sunday school, leading Bible school, and singing in church choirs. She was unwavering in her love for God and shared that love through every aspect of her life.

A woman of deep faith and generosity, Betty always put others first, giving

selflessly of her time, energy, and resources. She and Lyle served on church boards and played key roles in the establishment of several mission-focused churches. As her ability to be physically active in her community declined, Betty began a beloved card ministry, sending birthday, anniversary, sympathy, Christmas, and get-well cards to those she knew, a tradition she maintained for many years.

Betty also found joy in observing the local birds, keeping track of their arrivals and departures each season. However, what she treasured most of all was spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Betty is survived by her devoted husband of 61 years, Lyle Melvon Stahl; their five children, Connie (Randall) Noftsier of Croghan, New York, Darwin (Connie Vigneaux) Stahl of Dafter, Michigan, Bonita Bundy of Sierra Vista, Arizona, Kyandi Taylor of Pellston, Michigan, and Clinton (Melissa Theriault) Stahl of Petoskey, Michigan; ten grandchildren, Jonathan Noftsier, Amanda (Jake) King, David (Margaret Harrigan) Noftsier, Chelsea (Chris) Eckerman, Caleb Stahl, Whitney Rose (Alexander) Noriega, Adam Bundy, Autumn Spinek, Andrew Stahl, and Jake Stahl; five great-grandchildren, Isabella Noriega, Luke Noriega, Scarlet Noriega, Wilhelmina Eckerman, and Grayson Eckerman; sister, Ruth Matlock; sisters-in-law, Irene (Michael) McLaughlin, Elaine Gage, Margaret Gage, Marilyn (Stan) Troyer; brother-in-law, Doug Clingaman; along with numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Mary (Krause) Gage, father-in-law and mother-in-law, Melvon and Edna (Birkey) Stahl; brothers, George Gage and Don Gage; brothers-in-law, Marvin Matlock and Nelson Gage; sister-in-law, Marlene (Stahl) Clingaman; and nephew, Duane Gage.

Betty's life was one of deep faith, kindness, and service. She will be dearly

missed by all who knew her, but her legacy of love, generosity, and unwavering commitment to her family and faith will live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Calling hours are 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM with the Funeral Service following at 12:30 PM on April 29, 2025, at Family Life Funeral Homes, 4951 S. M-129, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, with Pastor Ryan Stevens officiating.

A Graveside Service will be held immediately after at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Betty's memory to the children's ministry at the New Hope Revival Center, 66 Cedar Grove Dr., Kincheloe, MI 49788.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Obituary as submitted by family

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

15264 S. M-129
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

SR

“ Today I enjoyed hearing precious memories of Betty, and of her life well lived.
A beautiful service remembering her life.
Condolences and hugs to each of her family and friends.

Sheryl RUNKLE - April 29, 2025 at 06:31 PM

YM

“ Yours truly, Patty and Morgan Mercer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Jane Stahl.

Yours truly, Patty and Morgan Mercer - April 28, 2025 at 01:18 PM

YM

“ Yours truly, Patty and Morgan Mercer purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Betty Jane Stahl.



Yours truly, Patty and Morgan Mercer - April 28, 2025 at 01:18 PM

MT

“ I have many great memories of my Aunt Betty. She was the most joyful and happy person I have ever known. My mother and Aunt Betty were not only sisters, but were the best of friends. Uncle Lyle and Aunt Betty lived in a small mobile home where we would spend weekends together. There were a total of nine kids and four adults so it was a bit crowded to say the least, but there was never a cross word amongst them. We always had the best times with them and cherished every moment. My brother Chuck and I would ride with Uncle Lyle in his old VW Bug while he speed shifted through the gears loving every minute of it! There were so many great memories of the families being together and even getting to be part of building of their new house. Uncle Lyle and Aunt Betty were amazing spiritual leaders with a passion for bringing the love and knowledge of Jesus to prisons for inmates to experience. Their ministry and personal relationship with God influenced and inspired me in my own relationship with God and in my everyday life. Until we meet again in heaven!

Your loving nephew Marvin

Marvin Troyer - April 25, 2025 at 10:48 AM

CF

“ Chuck & Marvin Troyer & Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Jane Stahl.

Chuck & Marvin Troyer & Families - April 25, 2025 at 09:25 AM

CF

“ Chuck & Marvin Troyer & Families purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Betty Jane Stahl.



Chuck & Marvin Troyer & Families - April 25, 2025 at 09:25 AM

GS

“ I was my grandparents first grandchild, so I spent as much time as I could at their home and my Aunt Bettys, who was 12 years old when I was born. I have many wonderful memories of time spent with her through the years as I was growing up. After she married I would visit her and uncle Lyle in their home. She was a kind, loving, and patient woman. Always smiling and happy. She could always make you feel special. She will truly be missed here on earth, but we can have great comfort in knowing that she is in Heaven with Jesus. Praying for comfort for Uncle Lyle and family. Love, Gloria Gage Shaffer

gloria shaffer - April 24, 2025 at 09:25 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Jane Stahl.



April 24, 2025 at 11:09 AM

LG

“ I will always remember your mom as someone willing to be generous with her time (and her food!) May all of you experience peace as you celebrate her life. --Larry Guengerich

Larry Guengerich - April 24, 2025 at 07:40 AM

CO

Thank you, Larry

Connie - April 24, 2025 at 08:40 PM

SB

“ Lyle and family. I was sorry to hear about Betty's grave health struggles these last few weeks and so sorry to hear of her passing. I'm also smiling, when I think about all the beautiful, encouraging cards I received through the years from Ms. Betty, the wonderful women's lunches she hosted at her house. The lovely way she set her table with beautiful dishes, of which she had many. ❤️ So many GOOD memories and most of all, her gentle, tender, childlike spirit that loved Jesus with all her being. We will see her again. ❤️

Sherry Bertram - April 24, 2025 at 06:23 AM

CO

Thank you, Sherry.

Connie - April 24, 2025 at 08:39 PM

RN

“ I love you Grandma and I will never forget you! I will never forget all that you have taught me and the love of God you showed me. Thanks to you and Grandpa you have helped plant the seeds for 3 generations in our family and many others, I can't imagine a better achievement in life to do exactly as God asked. Love you Grandma I pray I can carry on your legacy and continue to show love and kinds and plants seeds of God just as you did.

Rose Noriega - April 23, 2025 at 09:16 PM