



## Beverly Jean Harwood

May 2, 1936 - May 22, 2025

Beverly Jean (Atkins) Harwood

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Beverly Jean Harwood, age 89, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at Ball Hospice House. She was born on May 2, 1936, in Sault Ste. Marie to Howard and Maizie (Stephens) Atkins.

Beverly grew up in Sault Ste. Marie and graduated from Sault Area High School in 1954. On June 23, 1956, she married the love of her life, Ronald “Ron” Harwood, at Algonquin United Methodist Church. They shared sixty-two wonderful years of marriage before Ron’s passing.

Beverly worked as a secretary at Lake Superior State University for twenty years, where she formed many lasting friendships.

A devoted member of Algonquin United Methodist Church, Beverly was actively involved in the United Women in Faith and served as the church’s Financial Secretary. She was also a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and served in several leadership roles, including 14th District President and Treasurer, as well as Treasurer of the VFW Post 9023 in Brimley. She dedicated many hours volunteering at weekly bingo events.

Member of The Order of the Eastern Star.

Beverly was known for her enthusiasm and love of life. She was always ready for a lunch date, shopping trip, camping adventure, or any opportunity to spend time with loved ones. She was her son's biggest cheerleader, never missing a baseball, football, or hockey game - and later, continued the tradition by supporting her granddaughters at their volleyball, basketball, and softball games. In her earlier years, she was also an avid bowler.

After retirement, Beverly and Ron enjoyed traveling and spent three memorable months exploring Alaska with their close companions and relatives, Bill and Shirley Feltis.

Beverly is survived by her beloved son, Jerry Stephen (Patty Ordiway) Harwood; granddaughters, Jacquelyn Ronnie Harwood, Ashley Jean (Maurice) Young; great-grandson, Andre Maurice Young; sister, Marcia (Sam) (Atkins) White; sister-in-law, Shirley (Harwood) Feltis; special niece, Shelley (Eric) White-Thomas; several cousins; nieces; nephews; and dear friends, Bette, Kathy, and Cher.

Beverly was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald; and parents, Howard and Maizie.

Visitation will be held on June 5, 2025 at Family Life Funeral Homes, 4951 S. M-129, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, 49783. Family visitation will be at 10:00 AM followed by public visitation from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The Funeral Service will begin at 1:00 PM officiated by Pastor Marty Johnson with the burial to follow. A luncheon will be held afterwards at the Elks Lodge #552 on Portage Avenue.

Beverly's final resting place will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce

Township.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Stephens, Maurice Young, Eric Thomas, Dennis Feltis, John Ferroni and Mike Kaunisto.

Beverly's warmth, kindness, and boundless energy will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Family Life Funeral Homes Sault Ste Marie assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left to the family at [www.familylifefh.com](http://www.familylifefh.com).

Obituary as submitted by family

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

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

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

JUN 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

CW

“ *My sweet dear friend, we had some good laughs and lunches together. The seat next to me at Bingo may be empty, but my heart is full of memories.*

Cher Wurschinger - June 04, 2025 at 04:15 PM

KS

“ *I have been very blessed to have spent considerable time getting to know Beverly at our Stephens family reunions over the last 4 years. It is obvious how much she was loved in her community. She took great pride and joy in helping others. She loved her kids and grandkids. May God bless her, the family, and friends. Heaven has gained an angel.*



Kenneth & Marcella Stephens - June 04, 2025 at 01:02 PM

BW

“ *Betty Lou & Gary Woodhall purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Beverly Jean Harwood.*



Betty Lou & Gary Woodhall - June 03, 2025 at 09:00 PM

ML

“ *Much love, Connie and Lulu purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Beverly Jean Harwood.*



Much love, Connie and Lulu - June 03, 2025 at 11:45 AM

BF

“ Ben, Chris, Alinor Stephens & families purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Beverly Jean Harwood.



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**Ben, Chris, Alinor Stephens & families** - June 02, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Beverly Jean Harwood.



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June 02, 2025 at 10:29 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Beverly Jean Harwood.



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June 01, 2025 at 06:30 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Beverly Jean Harwood.

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June 01, 2025 at 06:30 AM

CF

“ *Cindy, Dick, Dave, Debe and families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Beverly Jean Harwood.*



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**Cindy, Dick, Dave, Debe and families** - May 31, 2025 at 01:22 PM

CF

“ *Cindy, Dick, Dave, Debe and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Jean Harwood.*

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**Cindy, Dick, Dave, Debe and families** - May 31, 2025 at 01:22 PM

FE

“ *After many years of working with Bev with we shared happiness and sorrow. A few mischievous acts (she being the instigator 🗡️😏) and many hours of labor we became friends. I watched as her family grew and know that she loved them all deeply. Good byes are hard but it is part of the cycle of life.*

*On behalf of my family, I would like to extend our sincere condolences and deepest sympathies to Jerry, Marcia, Sam, Shelley, Jackie and Ashley (and Bev's great grandson), extended family and friends. Our hearts are heavy and saddened by the loss of Bev. Wishing you courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to hold in your heart forever. 🗡️💙💛 🗡️💙💛 Fly high with the angels Bev. Rest in eternal Peace my friend. 💔 Fern*

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**Fern** - May 30, 2025 at 10:30 AM

SD

“ *She always had a smile on her face and welcomed you into her home like family. She will be missed in our community and thoughts and prayers are with Jerry and the family* 💔🙏❤️

Sandra DePlonty - May 29, 2025 at 12:55 PM

KG

“ *My heart aches for Bev's family. I have so many fun memories of her and Ron, Sam & Marcia, and my mom and dad at the fair. I'm sure they (Ron, Bev, and my parents) will be up to much mischief in heaven.* - Karen Gordon

Karen Gordon - May 29, 2025 at 12:26 PM

JS

“ *Bev was such a warm, happy person. I am pleased to have known her and to have worked with her at LSSU for many years.* Jessica Stanaway

Jessica Stanaway - May 29, 2025 at 10:04 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Beverly Jean Harwood.*



May 29, 2025 at 09:38 AM

KE

“ *Incredibly blessed to have shared so many wonderful memories with Bev & Ron during their years in Iowa! Such amazing people. You're missed more than you know, Bev. (& Ron) Prayers to the family. You all were her entire world.*

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**Kelly** - May 28, 2025 at 03:04 PM