



Rosalie \"Betty\" O'Brien

October 18, 2014

Rosalie Elizabeth "Betty" O'Brien, 72 of Mackinaw City passed away Saturday afternoon, October 18 peacefully at her home following a year long battle with cancer. She was born in Cheboygan, February 23, 1942 to Kashamer J. and Virginia R. (Socolovitch) Tryban. She graduated from Cheboygan High School and attended college 2 years. She married Jerry G. O'Brien on February 7, 1964 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Riggsville. Jerry died in 1986. They operated the O'Brien Golf Course in Mackinaw and also the O'Brien Shirt Shop and Gifts Store, since 1966, and the store still in operation today. Betty was very involved in AA and was recognized for 28 years of helping many many people, and many say they owe their lives to her help. She was the Secretary at the High School a short time, and operated the shirt shop until poor health kept her from day to day operation just recently. She loved flowers, and the beautiful view out her front window of Lake Huron. She and her husband spent winters in Florida many years, and she continued to travel including this last year. She was an active member of St Anthony Catholic Church in Mackinaw City.

She is survived by her children; Susan (Matt) Yoder, Mackinaw City; Julius (Heather) O'Brien, Mackinaw City; her mother, Virginia Tryban, Riggsville; two brothers, Robert Tryban, Riggsville; Casimir Jr. (Pat) Tryban, Riggsville; six sisters, Dianne (Jim) Myers, Mullett Lake; Patty (Dan) Jarzabkowski, Mullett Lake; Kristine (David) Bailey, Cheboygan; Judy Wanke, Cheboygan; Suzanne

(Bill) Matteson, Petoskey; Mary Lou (Wayne) Littrell, Cheboygan; Mother in law, Dorothy O'Brien, Suttons Bay; sister in law, Bonnie (Ike) Melleno, Gill Lake, MI; Brother in law, Terry Ellis; four grandchildren, Brooke and Blaine Yoder, Kash and Kal O'Brien. She was preceded in death by her father, Kash Tryban; father in law, Julius O'Brian ; sister, Jeanne Ellis; brother in law, Amiel Wanke, and a nephew Robbie Tryban and a nephew Mike Mellema..

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, October 21 at 11 am at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Mackinaw City with Fr. Paul Megge and Sister Chris Herald officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery beside her husband. Visitation will be held at the church from 9:30 to service time on Tuesday, Those wishing to remember Betty with Memorials may do so by giving to St. Anthony Church or Hospice of the Straits with envelopes available from Dodson Funeral Home, 240 McCann Street, St. Ignace who assisted the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rosalie \"Betty\" O'Brien*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Rosalie \"Betty\" O'Brien*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Rosalie \"Betty\" O'Brien*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *May God welcome her with open arms. She was a great lady. She was a thoughtful caring person so much so she became my Godmother. She will be missed. May the family remember her for all she did and the love she offered.*

Lynn "ZIELINSKI" Hansen - October 29, 2014 at 12:09 PM



“ *betty was a wonderful lady ... she always put a smile on my face... many prayers to her family.. we will miss her in the U.P. with love from above*

cora gugin - October 24, 2014 at 06:00 AM



“ *I am very sorry for your loss and will keep your family in my prayers.*

Jerry Fetty - October 21, 2014 at 07:48 AM

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“ *Susie and Julius, It is so sad to hear about your mom's passing. She was an awesome woman and I know how much you will miss her. I wish we could have been there to celebrate her life and passing with you.*

*You and your families will be in our thoughts and prayers.
Ed, Joan, Lizzy, Erin, Nick, and Melissa*

Edward and Joan Rogala - October 21, 2014 at 05:13 AM