



## Merry Lou (Badder) Burton

December 31, 1934 - December 1, 2025

Merry Lou (Badder) Burton, age 90, of Brimley, Michigan, died on December 1, 2025, at her home. She was born on December 31, 1934, in Sault Ste. Mare, Michigan, to James and Mary (Evans) Badder.

Merry grew up in Dollar Settlement, where she enjoyed a close-knit community and the simple pleasures of rural life. She attended Brimley High School, forming friendships that stayed with her throughout the years. After high school graduation, Merry met Robert, the love of her life, and the two were married in 1953, beginning a devoted partnership that would span many decades.

Merry was a woman of many interests and talents. She found joy in sewing and cooking, often sharing her creations with family and friends. She collected dolls with great enthusiasm, each one carrying a story or memory that she cherished. An avid outdoorswoman, she loved hunting and fishing, activities that reflected her appreciation for nature and time spent with loved ones. Merry also enjoyed staying active, whether playing volleyball or gathering around a table for lively card games of "Kaluchi." In quieter moments, she relaxed with search word puzzles, which she approached with the same patience and curiosity she brought to everything she did.

Above all, Merry will be remembered for her warmth, her creativity, and the joy

she found in both the big adventures and the small, everyday moments of life.

Merry is survived by her children, Greg Burton of Brimley, Cindy Schwiderson of Traverse City, Michigan, Celia Gates of Traverse City, and Robin (Leo) Burnette of Trenary, Michigan; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; and siblings, Barb (Peter) Burton of Bonnie Lake, Washington, and James (Paula) Badder and John Badder both of Brimley.

Merry was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; children, Ronald Charles and Robert B. Burton Jr.; sons-in law, Alvin Schwiderson and Lous J. Gates; and sister, Joyce (Jim) Shiver.

A Celebration of Life potluck luncheon for Merry Lou will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Bay Mills Township Hall, 14740 W. Lakeshore Dr., Brimley, MI 49715. Please bring a dish to share and memories to celebrate her life.

Merry's final resting place will be at Dollar Settlement Cemetery.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Dollar Settlement Cemetery

4808-4998 S. Ranger Rd  
Brimley, MI 49715

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Gathering

JAN 24. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bay Mills Township Hall  
14740 W. Lakeshore Dr.  
Brimley, MI 49715

# Tribute Wall

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“ I first met Midge while I worked at Tractor Supply. She would randomly shop with her son, Bob, and I'd always cherish their visits at the store. Midge, fly high beautiful angel! You will be greatly missed. We send our love and prayers to her family.

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**Tracy Baron** - December 08, 2025 at 07:29 AM

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“ Midge was always a pleasure to be near. She had a yard full of kids playing volleyball, or in the house playing Uno or yatzee. She never got upset with us kids either, always kind and very good to us..she always had a chocolate cake with the best peanut butter frosting and all of us enjoyed her baking it for us. Until we meet again.....  
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**Billie Sage** - December 07, 2025 at 01:48 AM