



Trudy Virgila Bailey

January 8, 1945 - May 25, 2024

Trudy Virgila Bailey, of Drummond Island, Michigan, passed away peacefully on May 25, 2024. Trudy was born on January 8th, 1945, to Theil Edgerton and Bessie Virginia Bailey. She is survived by her sisters, Theila Bailey Gagliardi (Phil Perry) and Patricia Gochmour Halthaus, along with her nieces Lisa Jo Gagliardi (Jason Smith), Catherine Halthaus, nephew Terry Holthaus, and grandniece Alexandria Theila Brown and grandnephews Avery Patrick Brown and Jacob Halthaus. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Robert Gochner, and her niece Adele Maire Gagliardi (Antonio San Martin).

After completing her education at Michigan State University, Trudy embarked on a journey to Phoenix, Arizona, to stay with her great-uncle and aunt, Brice and Marion Seaman. She resided in Phoenix for 38 years and dedicated herself to teaching 8th grade English, making a profound impact on countless young minds. Trudy came home to Drummond each Christmas and summer break. Despite her fondness for the desert, Trudy's heart always belonged to Drummond Island, her beloved home.

Upon her retirement, Trudy made the heartfelt decision to again become a permanent resident of Drummond Island, embracing her return with unwavering enthusiasm. Her social life flourished, and she could often be found enjoying lunch and dinner outings with her multitude of friends, and frequently accompanied by her dear sister, Theila. In recent years, Trudy

found immense joy in participating in mahjong and euchre groups.

Trudy was renowned for her quick wit, sense of humor, and willingness to lend a helping hand to both friends and family alike. Her absence leaves a void that will be deeply felt by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the expansion of the Drummond Island Library in Trudy's name. This fund was started in 2021 with the passing of her niece Adele. Trudy had a passion for reading, often devouring a book a day, and would be honored to support the expansion of access to literature in her community.

Trudy's memory will forever be cherished, and her legacy of kindness and generosity will continue to inspire all whose lives she touched. A Celebration of Life will take place Thursday, June 13th, at 11:30 AM at the Drummond Island Township Hall, with lunch served at 12:30pm.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements.
Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Obituary as submitted by family

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 13. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Drummond Island Township Hall
29935 E. Pine St.
Drummond Island, MI 49726

Tribute Wall

NE

“ *Nedra lit a candle in memory of Trudy Virgila Bailey*



Nedra - June 16, 2024 at 08:52 AM

SS

“ *To Trudy's family,
I am so sorry for your loss. She always had a smile and would walk across the room to say hi. Sending prayers and know I am thinking of all of you.*
Sharon Sadegh

Sharon Sadegh - June 12, 2024 at 05:50 PM

DM

“ *To Trudy's family,*

So sorry for your loss. Trudy was a very nice person and a lot of fun to be around
RIP, Trudy, you will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Dave and Sas Miller

David F. Miller - June 10, 2024 at 07:33 AM

TM

“ *Theila: Sorry to hear of the passing of your sister. We will be praying for you and your family.*

Tom & Karen Morley - June 08, 2024 at 10:08 AM

MH

“ Trudy's laughing, joking and witty presence will be sadly missed by all who knew her, and especially by her weekly lunch and dinner group. It will not be the same. May you laugh and soar with the angels. Tess

Mary Tess Hoey - June 07, 2024 at 10:31 AM

LS

“ Lila Shaw lit a candle in memory of Trudy Virgila Bailey



Lila shaw - June 06, 2024 at 01:27 PM

MJ

“ Marshall & Jolene lit a candle in memory of Trudy Virgila Bailey



Marshall & Jolene - June 06, 2024 at 11:58 AM

MD

“ M& D lit a candle in memory of Trudy Virgila Bailey



M& D - June 04, 2024 at 10:19 AM

BJ

“ *Betsy Lehman Johnstone lit a candle in memory of Trudy Virgila Bailey*



Betsy Lehman Johnstone - June 03, 2024 at 06:18 PM