



Betty Bal

October 11, 1936 - November 4, 2021

VULCAN- Betty Jean Bal, age 85 of Vulcan, died Thursday, November 4, 2021, at Aspirus Ironwood Hospital in Ironwood, MI.

She was born October 11, 1936 in Norway, the daughter of the late Urban and Eva (Dapoz) Chiesa.

Betty graduated from Norway High School in 1954, then went to Business School in Minnesota.

She moved to Milwaukee and worked for Allen Bradley for awhile before moving back home to work for the Niagara Paper Mill.

Betty married Leonard Bal on June 16, 1956 at St. Mary's Church in Norway. She traveled all over the world with Leonard while he was serving in the U.S. Air Force, eventually settling in Vulcan in 1972.

Betty was a great cook and was very well known for her food. She enjoyed golf, bowling, reading, knitting and crocheting. She had many camping adventures with her family but what she enjoyed the most was going to her children and grandchildren's activities and babysitting for them when they were young.

She will be remembered for her kindness and her love for her family and friends.

Betty is survived by her husband of 65 years Leonard; son Lenny (Kris) Bal of Hamilton Lakes; daughters Annette (Scott) Meiner of Powers and Michele (Tom) Haferkorn of Vulcan; grandchildren Michael (Sarah) Bal, Jessica Bal, TJ (Alexa) Haferkorn, Mandy (Kyle) Larson, Nick Haferkorn and Justin (Kenzie) Meiner; great grandchildren Zoey, Logan, Kyle and Abby Bal and Ellie Meiner; sister Jackie (Mike) Boyer of Starks, WI; sisters-in-law Sandra Chiesa of Menominee and Helen Rossato of Vulcan; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother Clyde Chiesa; brother-in-law Adolph Rossato; and sisters-in-law Beatrice Zychowski and Evelyn Luba.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 9 from 9-11:00 a.m. at St. Barbara's Church in Vulcan.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at St. Barbara's Church with Fr. Timothy Ekaitis officiating.

Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Barbara's Church
159 Mission Street
Vulcan, MI 49892

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *To the Family of Betty Chiesa Bal:*

Betty was a classmate/friend of mine for MANY years. She always made a point of attending our class get-togethers and we enjoy sharing 'what was going on in our lives'. When I retired and moved back to Norway, we would meet for lunch or visit another of our classmates and these were always FUN times.

I realize that things were not easy for Betty or your family these past few years but I KNOW that she is at peace and that she leaves us with good memories.

Connie Hallgren

Connie Hallgren - November 08, 2021 at 08:13 AM

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“ *Bob and Sue Aylesworth purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Betty Bal.*



Bob and Sue Aylesworth - November 05, 2021 at 12:56 PM

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“ *I first met Betty through golfing at Oak Crest. She was one of the "regulars" on the tournament trail and always a very welcoming person to us "newbies". She was just so much fun to be with, converse with and just to be with. Leonard and family, my deepest sympathies to you all. Heaven has gained one very special lady. Rest well Betty, and I know you will now hit every fairway!*

Kathy O'Connell - November 05, 2021 at 12:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Bal.*



November 05, 2021 at 12:11 AM



“ *So very sorry for your loss.....❤️ What a sweet lady your mom was. I remember going to her house and her rocking with your kids while they napped in her lap. What a awesome Grandma. I remember thinking what lucky kids to have such a loving Grandma to watch them while you worked.❤️ Also enjoyed visiting with them and talking about their house as they bought it from my mom and dad.*

Becky Kleikamp - November 04, 2021 at 09:09 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Bal.*



November 04, 2021 at 07:36 PM



“ *Everyone's favorite aunty. I always felt like she was in my side. Much loved and cherished always.*

Eric Boyer - November 04, 2021 at 07:12 PM

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“ When I started golfing in tournaments in the ‘80s Betty was one of the ladies that always played well during the day and enjoyed the apres golf. Betty was one of the friendly “older” ladies who used to teach us a thing or two about golf. RIP Betty and thanks for always showing up to golf with a smile and ready to win! 🏌️‍♀️🏠♀️ Annette and Michelle and your families I am very sorry for your loss. 🙏💕

Jean Ivory - November 04, 2021 at 06:29 PM