



Elizabeth Benzie

July 2, 1937 - June 30, 2023

NORWAY- Elizabeth “Betty” Ann Benzie age 85 of Norway, passed away peacefully in the comfort of her home surrounded by her family on Friday, June 30, 2023.

She was born on July 2, 1937 in Norway, the daughter of the late Herman and Josephine (Girardi) Menghini.

Betty graduated from Norway High School in 1955.

She married Donald Benzie on August 30, 1958 at St. Mary’s Church in Norway and enjoyed 64 years of marriage.

When Don started his teaching and coaching career, they moved to Channing and lived there for 31 years. They moved back to Norway in 1993 to the home she grew up in.

While in Channing, Betty was very active in St. Rose Church, where she was on the Parish Council, Altar Society and was a Eucharistic Minister. Betty was also active in the community as a volunteer for the startup of the Channing Athletic Complex. She was the Sagola Township Clerk for 12 years where she was very instrumental in implementing the Sagola Township Sewer Project.

Betty enjoyed cooking for her family and friends, family get-togethers and particularly lit up when spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She enjoyed golf, bowling, cross-country skiing, gardening, crafting, quilting and sewing. She was an excellent cook and an immaculate housekeeper.

Betty will be deeply missed by her husband Donald; three children, son John (Julie) Benzie of Iron Mountain; daughters Debbie (John) Gallino of Vulcan and Terri (Ray) Hagglund of Crystal Falls; grandchildren Catherine (Paul) St. Louis, Carlee (Joe Delavergne) Benzie, Roy (Maggie Zeh) Hagglund, Kevin Hagglund, Jeff (Ellary) Gallino and Katie (Mike) Buchan; great grandchildren AJ and Ashton Gallino, Aisling and Aiden Buchan; brother Bob (Jane) Menghini; sisters-in-law Julie Larsen and Judy McCarthy; nieces Michelle (Louis) Menghini-Davis, Becci (Heather) Menghini, Tina McCarthy, Stacey (Rene') Herteux; nephew Scott (Joy) Menghini.

Betty was preceded in death by her mother-in-law Rose Praiss, brother Dave Menghini and brother-in-law Dennis McCarthy.

Betty's family would like to thank Kelly, Faith, Tammy, Perry and Emily of the Marshfield Dickinson Home Health Hospice for the excellent care and support during her last few days.

Family will greet friends on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 from 9-11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Norway.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church with Fr. Marty Flynn officiating.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Church
401 Main Street
Norway, MI 49870

Memorial Mass

JUL 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Church
401 Main Street
Norway, MI 49870

Tribute Wall

RH

“ *Betty Benzie was so loved!!! What an incredible women with a thousand watt smile! I have so many memories growing up with Johnny and the Benzies! A lot of gifts and lessons that I still treasure.*

*My heartfelt condolences for your loss,
Renee LaPointe Horgan*

Renee LaPointe Horgan - July 08, 2023 at 09:12 AM

DO

“ *To all of the Benzie and Menghini Families:
I only heard yesterday about Betty's passing. As I told Johnny, she was such an important part of mine, and everyone's lives when we were growing up. Being the wife of Mr. Benzie, who was our coach, was a job in itself. I told Johnny that when I was mad at his dad, it was his mom that made me feel better. The perfect coach's wife. She was a special person and so influential to so many. She and Don were especially wonderful and generous to my parents. I cannot thank them enough for their support and love. As Johnny said, Betty and Millie are already playing Yahtzee, and Brownie is making a homemade soup of some kind.*

So often, we hear that someone is "one of a kind" and that can be said of Betty Benzie. What a beautiful and sweet person! I can't describe how sad I feel, but it still makes me smile to think about her smile.

*With love and sympathy.
Dan Olson*

Dan Olson - July 07, 2023 at 12:30 PM

DC

“ To the Benzie family, my deepest sympathies to you all. Betty was such a lovely woman, a real lady and a truly caring person; she was a great support for our school and our community and as such an inspiration for us who live here in North Dickinson country. God be with you all, peace and blessings always. Donna Feak Cline

Donna Cline - July 05, 2023 at 08:22 AM

JF

“ Dear John ,Don and family

Sorry for your loss. I offer sympathy, and condolences. I will keep you in my prayers at this difficult time.

Jimmy and Winnie Fornetti

Jim Fornetti - July 03, 2023 at 09:55 PM

GB

“ So sorry to hear of Betty's passing. She was a special lady in so many ways. Our thoughts and prayers go with you, Don, and the family.

Gus and Sandy Blom - July 03, 2023 at 08:29 PM

MP

“ Dear Don, John, Debbie, & Terri, Betty had great compassion and genuine love for everyone. She was happy, enjoyed life, and always made sure we were all well fed with her fabulous cooking. She will be greatly missed. Our sincere condolences.

Mort & Mary Menghini Petska - July 03, 2023 at 12:35 AM

PR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you!! Betty was a great person!! Jack and Pat Richtig*



Pat Richtig - July 02, 2023 at 10:26 PM

KL

“ *Dear Don, John, Deb and Terri,*

I loved your mom! She was such a great lady. My memories go back to when your parents lived in apartment above LaPointes. When my mom died she had great stories to tell me of their friendship when we were little.

I know shes been struggling and is at peace now. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Wish i could be there. Hugs.

Kathy Bloom Luzmoor

Kathryn Marie Luzmoor - July 02, 2023 at 09:28 PM