



Betsy Jean Durham

July 14, 1944 - February 8, 2021

Betsy Jean Durham, born July 14, 1944 to Richard and Lola Kebler, passed away February 8, 2021. Betsy and her husband of 57 years, Allan, cultivated many friendships and good times as lifelong residents of Grand Ledge and Eagle.

Betsy graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1962. One of Betsy's early endeavors was at The Eagle Inn, enjoying the people of the small town she cherished. She then spent 30 years as a Materials Handler for General Motors before retiring in 2006.

Betsy's most rewarding career was her Family. Whether it was hosting holidays, bringing our favorite foods to parties, or attending her grandchildren's many activities, she was always there to lend support and a helping hand.

As a longtime member of Grand Ledge Baptist Church, Betsy's faith, along with her family, guided her through a lengthy illness. Above all, her Grace will be remembered and admired by all who knew her. In this busy and chaotic world, Betsy was the steadfast strength and positive presence in our lives. Her family was the center of her life and it was shown through the caring guidance and love given to her husband, Allan, children Brad (Wendy) Durham and Marcy (Jeff) Stump. She was a cherished and beloved Grandmother to Allan, Joshua, and Jason Durham and Allison and Madeline Stump. Also surviving are siblings Suzanne M. Cole and John (Doreen) Kebler and many nieces and nephews.

A private family service will be held. A public graveside service will be held at 2pm Thursday, February 11, 2021 at North Eagle Cemetery (12300 Grange Rd. Eagle, MI, 48822). A Celebration of Life will be determined at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Grand Ledge Baptist Church, P.O. Box 333, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837 (<https://www.glbc.org/give-online/>) or The American Cancer Society, Mid-Michigan Office, 1755 Abbey Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 (<https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate/memorial-giving.html>). Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.

Cemetery Details

North Eagle Cemetery

12200 S. Grange Road
Eagle, MI 48822

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Eagle, MI 48822

Tribute Wall



“ *Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Betsy Jean Durham*



Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home - February 11, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ *Al, Marcy, Brad and Family,*

We just this minute learned of Betsy's passing, and are heartbroken. Our love, thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Don & Jami Edgecomb

Jami Edgecomb - February 13, 2021 at 10:02 PM

DF

“ *Our deepest sympathy and prayers are offered to all of you. Eagle will not be the same without Betsy.*

*Wishing you peace,
Mike and Diane (Juenker) Fish*

Diane Fish - February 13, 2021 at 11:10 AM

MS

Thank you

Marcy Stump - February 13, 2021 at 06:44 PM

CK

“ *Betsy was a sweet high school classmate! I had the privilege of knowing her mom, lola, and sister, Sue, as a member of their carpool to MSU so many, many years ago. I was a college student and Sue and her mom worked in the Administration Building. My prayers go to her family in their loss of Betsy.*

Carol Ann Kingsley - February 13, 2021 at 10:36 AM

MS

Thank you

Marcy Stump - February 13, 2021 at 06:44 PM

WB

“ *Condolences to Allen and family*

William Burcham - February 11, 2021 at 10:10 PM

MS

Thank you so much

Marcy Stump - February 12, 2021 at 09:14 AM

 Jake
Maddox

“ I grew up down the road from my cousins Josh Allen and Jason. 2nd cousins that felt like 1st. We hung out almost every chance we had. Playing baseball running over each other with bikes and shooting each other with air soft guns. We had so much fun back then. I remember how I would go over and Brad and Wendy would tell me “ sorry the boys are at their grandparents house they should be back tomorrow”. It seemed like it was every other day lol. If any one of them had a choice to hangout with me, or hang with Grandma or Grandpa, I was chopped liver lol. Their grandparents are everything to those three. And even now I know that holds true even in their adult lives. Their love for their Grandma was physically recognizable. Hard to explain. My aunt Betsy was a beautiful soul. She always made me smile. Always asked me what I had going on in my life and genuinely cared. Also she Made the BEST food at family gatherings. She loved her family and will be missed terribly. I pray for my cousins that they have the support that they need during this time of grief. Thank you Aunt Betsy for being you, for caring so much about everyone, and being my grandmas best friend. I love you. I miss you. Until we meet again. Love Jake.

Jake Maddox - February 11, 2021 at 09:09 PM

 MS

Awe, Jake! That's beautiful. Thank you for sharing your memories. It's means a lot. We love you too ❤️

Marcy Stump - February 12, 2021 at 09:16 AM

VN

“ Dear aunt Betsy, you were so sweet. A gentle, loving soul! I have always missed our big family get togethers since we stopped having them and I will never forget your famous cheesy broccoli rice casserole. You were so generous- even though you couldn't eat you always took grandpa Kebler A&W or McDonald's, were always cooking for your family, and helped my grandma (your sister) when needed. My mom's so right, never heard you complain. I admire your strength and love. As far as I'm concerned, you were exactly how God wants us to be, so I am comforted in knowing you are a sweet angel joined with your parents and looking over your family as you always have.

I will never forget the precious memory of you. May I remember to make this a time to celebrate the beautiful life you had. Love you!

Family, I will be thinking of you and all that you are going through. Though we know this time will come for all of us, it's never easy to lose someone we love so dear. May you have the type of peace only God can give! 💕

Vanessa (great niece) - February 11, 2021 at 07:53 PM

MS

Thank you Vanessa. This is beautiful. And thank you dad keeping all of us in your prayers. We love you

Marcy Stump - February 12, 2021 at 09:18 AM

DL

“ Very sorry to hear about Betsy, prayer for the family. Dale long

Dale Long - February 11, 2021 at 03:04 PM

MS

Thank you Dale

Marcy Stump - February 12, 2021 at 09:19 AM

BB

“ To Al, Brad, Marcy and all your families. Our most sincere condolences. We are so sad to hear of Betsy's passing. Her love and kindness was all encompassing and touched many people throughout her life. I will always remember her kind words and oatmeal raisin cookies when I would stop by on my bike as a kid. Knowing there is no more pain and suffering is a blessing and her love will always be shining down upon you. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you all!

Love,
Brian and Carolyn Bracy

Brian Bracy - February 11, 2021 at 08:44 AM

MS

Thank you! We appreciate the kinds words.

Marcy Stump - February 12, 2021 at 09:20 AM

PB

“ Marcy,
I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your mom, I have fond memories of her when I would visit your house way back in the 80's! She was such a kind and beautiful lady. My deepest sympathy to your dad, you and Brad and your families. May she rest in peace and happy memories of her bring all of you comfort.

Thinking of you,
Pam (Schrauben) Blundy

Pam Blundy - February 10, 2021 at 05:31 PM

MS

Thank you Pam

Marcy Stump - February 12, 2021 at 09:21 AM

IF

“ In love~Marcia, Brandi, & family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Betsy Jean Durham.



In love~Marcia, Brandi, & family - February 10, 2021 at 10:32 AM

GF

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to her brother, John, at this time of loss. She was a delightful young lady, whom we met during our ventures in Bible School at the Grand Ledge Baptist Church, as young children. Great memories!!

Gary and Joanne Ford - February 10, 2021 at 10:22 AM

MS

Thank you

Marcy Stump - February 12, 2021 at 09:21 AM

DC

“ Betsy was the best sister in law anyone could ever have. She was always there for me, whenever I had a problem. She always had such a calming voice. I will miss her so much! Darlene cox

DARLENE J COX - February 10, 2021 at 09:43 AM

MS

Thank you Aunt Darlene! She was the BEST! ❤️

Marcy Stump - February 12, 2021 at 09:22 AM

DL

“ I am so thankful to have had fifty-seven years of the most beloved Aunt and treasured friend who made such an impact my life, Andy's life, every child and grandchild in our family as well as such a loving and caring sister and best friend to our Mom. This is the perfect photo choice, Uncle Al, as it captures how beautiful she was inside and out. I have never heard her complain but always showing a sincere interest in everyone, remembering every detail from the oldest to the youngest. Her love, time, efforts, faith, compassion, honesty, humor (she was so funny in her quiet way!), and her lifetime value for family in every season of our lives, will be so deeply missed. We are thankful for each of you for being such a loving and supportive family that she loved and treasured so deeply and from each of you, caused her to shine all the more. Our love and prayers are with you Uncle Al, Brad, Marcy and each one of your own families as you go through such a great loss. All my love, Debbie

Debbie Landon - February 10, 2021 at 08:14 AM

MS

Thank you so much Debbie. These words are so comforting. We love you too

Marcy Stump - February 12, 2021 at 09:23 AM

JR

“ Al and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Betsy was such a wonderful person. I truly enjoyed the years of playing softball with herr and the fun trips down south for golf, even Betsy didn't play.

Jo Anne Ringwelski

Jo Anne Ringwelski - February 09, 2021 at 08:57 PM

MS

Thank you Jo Anne

Marcy Stump - February 12, 2021 at 09:23 AM

VH

“ *My deepest condolences to Al and each and every one of Betsy’s family. I will always remember her kindnesses when we first moved to Eagle just before my first child was born. She was a very giving, warm, steady, fun, strong lady with a wicked sense of humor. I am fortunate to have been her friend.*

Vicki Hunter

Vicki Hunter - February 09, 2021 at 07:42 PM

MS

Thank you for sharing these kind words. She was lucky to have you as a friend as well. ❤️

Marcy Stump - February 12, 2021 at 09:26 AM