



## Helen M. Baird

August 20, 1920 - December 13, 2015

Helen M. Baird a longtime Grand Ledge resident passed away December 13, 2015. Helen was a determined woman. She was born, along with her twin brother Harry, on August 20, 1920 to the late Harry and Nora Veltman in a farmhouse on Mt. Hope Highway. Helen graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1937 and on January 17, 1942 she married Bill Baird before he headed out to serve his country. Helen worked as a secretary at Oldsmobile before joining Bill as owners of Ferndale Dairy. She was active in the Grand Ledge Garden Club, Kiwanis Club, founding member of the Harmony Club, ambassador for the Chamber of Commerce, St. Michael's Altar Society and delivering Meals-On-Wheels with Bill for many years. Most of her life she was a caregiver, helping out her family after her mother died when she was 16, taking care of her sister Florence when her health faltered and providing the best care to Bill when his legs failed him. Her "I can do it" attitude kept her going strong even as her body started to fail her. She is preceded in death by her husband Bill; siblings, Harry and Florence. Surviving to admire her determination are her sons/daughters-in-law: Dennis /Lynn and Buzz/Marianne, her daughters/sons-in-law: Marilyn/Bob Russo and Jan/Dan Hughes; her 8 grandchildren: Eric, Matthew, Ryan, Julia, Kyle, Alissa, Nora and Emma along with 2 great grandchildren: Tagen and Sora with another on the way. We want to thank all the wonderful caregivers at StoryPoint and Heartland Hospice for helping mom through her final chapter of life. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by The Reverend Fr. James

Eisele Wednesday, December 16, 2015, 11:00am at St. Michael Catholic Church, Grand Ledge. Rite of Committal will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. Visitation will be held Tuesday from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Memorial contributions may be given to GLEAP, P.O. Box 402, Grand Ledge, MI 48837 or the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing, MI 48906 .

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

299 Halbert Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 15. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
406 N. Bridge Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837  
(517) 627-2531  
jasonbarclay@holihanatkin.com  
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## Visitation

DEC 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

DEC **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church  
345 Edwards Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry for your loss but feel so priviledged to have known this wonderful family and such an amazing, strong woman! Marilyn Baird was my best friend all through grade school and middle school and I was always amazed by her mother and her father. My mother and Bill Baird were close friends through school and growing up and I felt so at home at their house like I was just hanging out at my cousins house or something... They even let me ride a horse out there and I had no idea what I was doing but it was just regular life for them and they made me feel so welcome. Helen and Bill would drive us to countless football games and basketball games to watch Buzz play!! They were such Comet supporters. It was so fun!! and climbing around in the dairy or the horse stables with so much freedom ...ahhh ...the 50's and 60's... Helen was a very impressive, loving and statuesque woman in my eyes . Thank you for sharing your family with me growing up. I'm sorry I cant be there tomorrow. We have had a death in our family today and I will be taking care of my 1 year old grand daughter tomorrow but we will sing and dance together a tribute to Helen. I send you love and hugs, Debbie Murphy Church

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**Debbie Murphy Church** - December 15, 2015 at 08:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Helen M. Baird.



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December 14, 2015 at 08:39 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Helen M. Baird.



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December 13, 2015 at 07:22 PM



“ U will be missed Helen. Now u can spend Christmas with your Hubby though. I know u were ready to enter the New World..  
Condolences to her family.

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**Diane Bishop** - December 13, 2015 at 05:22 PM



*Marilyn and family,*

*Our deepest sympathies on the passing of your mom. Your are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless.*

*Pat and Darrell McNutt*

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**Pat McNutt** - December 14, 2015 at 08:30 AM



*Jan.Dan and family, I feel I knew your Mom from our talks about her over the years. I wish I could have had the privilege of meeting her. Some say you should never say "she is in a better place" . Well, Jan, we know better,don't we?  
Love and God's blessing.  
Jan Hines*

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**Jan Hines** - December 15, 2015 at 07:43 AM