



Betty L. McCullen

June 30, 1921 - July 16, 2023

Betty L. McCullen, 102, of Kalkaska, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 16, 2023. She was born on June 30, 1921, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Betty graduated from Springfield High School in Springfield, Ohio.

She served as a corporal in the Marine Corps at Paris Island, South Carolina, where she also worked as a library clerk and contributed as a camp newspaper writer from 1944-1946. Before entering the service, she earned her teaching certificate in 1941. Then after her service, she pursued higher education at Western Michigan College of Education, earning her bachelor of science degree in 1948. Betty dedicated her career to elementary education, teaching in both Florida and Kalkaska, Michigan.

On November 1, 1947, Betty married Duane O. McCullen. They resided in Largo, Florida, where they adopted two children, Timothy and Barbara. Betty and Duane shared a love for the annual Lilac Festival on Mackinac Island. Additionally, Betty was passionate about birdwatching and had an extensive collection of teapots. She cherished reading and found great delight in Agatha Christie's Murder Mysteries. Her later years were spent doting on her grandchildren, Kelsey and Tyler.

Betty is survived by her children, Timothy (Kathleen) McCullen of Kalkaska, and Barbara (Bob Krumm) McCullen of Traverse City, as well as her

grandchildren, Kelsey (Chris) Childers of Anchor Point, AK, and Tyler McCullen of Ada, MI. She was preceded in death by her husband, Duane O. McCullen, and her brother, Warren Johnson.

A graveside memorial service for the family will take place on Saturday, July 29, 2023, at 10:30 am at Evergreen Cemetery in Kalkaska, MI. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

272 West St.
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Previous Events

Graveside Memorial Service

JUL **29**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *What great memories of your mom, hugs and prayers*

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“ *Tim, Kathy and Barb. Sorry for the loss of your Mom. She was a sweet lady with a smile that lit up the room. Thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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“ *Betty was a wonderful, friend, mentor and a great example of a Christian lady. My sons and I always felt welcomed and love by both Betty and Duane. We have fond memories of them both. I have thanked the Lord, for sending "grandparents" to my sons during their youth.*

Sandy (Alspaugh) Gray

Sandy (Alspaugh) Gray - July 25, 2023 at 01:19 PM

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“ *What an interesting life Betty's early years were. I met her many years ago and she was easy to converse with and shared her knowledge freely. She had an easy smile and I know how she loved her children. I am sure she was an amazing teacher. What a long life she lived and you can imagine the stories she could share of changes along the way. Rest in peace Betty. Condolences to her family.*

Patty Rodgers

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“ So sorry for you Loss Tim and Kathy. I know my dad thought highly of your parents. Sending prayers your way.

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