



## Norma Gertrude Bezrutch

April 10, 1927 - August 1, 2020

BEZRUTCH, Norma G. Age 93. August 1, 2020.

Norma is the dearest mother of Margo (Kenneth) Teper, Brian (Trudy), and Beverly (Dave Ayotte) Bezrutch. Loving grandmother of Rene (Joe) Wade, Jennifer (Robert) DeStefano, Linsey (Nathan) Dominguez, Ashley Bezrutch, Kristofer (Kelly) Dodge, Stephen (Kristen) Dodge and great grandmother of Luca, Grayson, and Emma. Norma is survived by her dearest sister, Beverly Scheiern. Norma was predeceased by her parents, her beloved husband Edward, and 3 brothers: Berwyn, Larry and Russell Nicholas. Norma was born in Owosso, Michigan on April 10, 1927, the daughter of Alwyn and Gertrude Nicholas. She grew up on a farm in Ovid and moved to Detroit when she was 15. Norma married Edward Bezrutch on February 16, 1951. While raising her three children she received her Bachelor's and Master's Degree from Michigan State University. She was a successful teacher and reading consultant in the South Lake Public School district for 27 years. She was very proud of being chosen teacher of the year. Norma loved spending time with her family and all of her grandchildren. She always liked to sing and was known for Christmas pies and fudge that she made every year. She took up square dancing after her retirement, was a voracious reader and liked playing word games on her IPAD. She was also a long-time member of the Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian church. She passed away peacefully at her daughter Beverly's home at the age of 93 on August 1, 2020. Visitation Friday 3-9 pm. Funeral Service Saturday 10:30am at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons. 36900 Schoenherr Rd. at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" @ [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com) share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" @ [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling  
36900 SCHOENHERR RD  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

## Funeral Service

AUG 8. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Margo, Brian & Beverly. I'm so sorry to hear the loss of your Mom. My Mom used to tell us how much fun she would have with her cousins at the lake. Keeping all of you in my prayers. Sending a few pictures that Mom had.*  
*Love, your cousin, Sandy Houdek*



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**Sandra Houdek** - August 07, 2020 at 04:12 PM



*Sorry to hear about the loss of your beloved Norma Bezrutch. She was a nice lady. I have fond memories of her when I worked with her daughter Beverly...again I am deeply sorry for your loss.*

*Sincerely,*

*Marietta Vasilije*

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**TLady Vasa** - September 25, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Norma Gertrude Bezrutch.*



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August 07, 2020 at 11:46 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Norma Gertrude Bezrutch.*



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August 06, 2020 at 07:38 PM

“ So much fun, so many fond memories and I was only a nephew! I remember all those summer visits when she would invite and host us for a week to come down and enjoy swimming in the pool, eating grilled Shish Kabobs, Sunday morning brunch buffet and trips to the lake for sailing and eating Blueberry Kolaches. Of course special events too like getting soaked and stomping around in the puddles at Greenfield Village. OK, admittedly I may have been the only one stomping in all those puddles. There were even those train wreck moments...literally. Brian, do you still have the train set? :-) Looking back as an adult, I can so clearly see the tremendous gifts of hospitality, generosity and love that Aunt Norma possessed and shared with those who had the incredible good fortune of being among her circle of family and friends.

*I also remember when she would come up for Thanksgiving to visit her Mom and little sister (my Mom) and bring those incredible fruit and cheese baskets packed with all sorts of delicious delicacies for her Mom. They were large enough to feed an army or so it seemed to a kid like me.*

*Compared to most others, my times with her were brief but it is obvious not only from my own experiences but from the experiences of so many others including her students throughout the years that she led an impactful life that made a difference to so many and that impact was always for their good.*

*Her greatest legacy may be how well we all emulate her example of a life well lived!*

*My deepest sympathy to Margo and Ken, Brian and Trudy, Beverly and Dave and all of the extended family on the home going of your Mom, Grandma and Great Grandma.*

*With love and admiration,  
Kevin Scheiern*

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**Kevin Scheiern** - August 06, 2020 at 06:21 PM

MT

“ Mom was an excellent seamstress. When I was young she made me beautiful clothes. I still remember the black taffeta skirt with the silver belt! She passed on the love of sewing to me. Mom was also an excellent writer. She helped me get through a history class at Macomb Community College, and passed that talent onto Rene. I also admired her handwriting. I would try to write like she did.

Mom went back to school when I was in junior high, to become a teacher. Bev and I both followed in her footsteps, going to MSU, as she did. I ended up teaching in the same school district and in the same elementary school before she retired.

We all know how much Mom loved candy, especially chocolate. She thought I should be making candy, so she bought me many candy molds. I make chocolates for years.

When Mom got an iPad, we were able to play word games with each other. She was hard to beat on WWF. We would also chat on Boggle. It was a great way for us to keep in touch, since I was so far away. We shared the love of reading and recommended books to each other.

She often made me laugh as she had some clever comment to make. I will miss that about her as we had many enjoyable conversations together. I miss you Mom, but you will be in my heart forever!

Margo Teper



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Margo Teper - August 06, 2020 at 04:00 PM

BP

So as I bumped onto my Pare Elementary classbook from 1972-1973 my 2nd grade picture is right next to Miss Bezrutch who i believe that year became Mrs. Teper. I decided to type in Bezrutch into the internet and found your Mother's obituary. I'm sorry to hear about your loss. As a 7 year old who looked up to you, i am doing well and have always looked up to my early elementary teachers most memorable were you and Mrs. Hess. If you ever want to check in on the 56 year old you knew and helped mold as a 7 year old my email is: billp@p-ghomes.com

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Bill Pierson - April 24, 2021 at 10:06 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Norma Gertrude Bezrutch.*



August 06, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Norma Gertrude Bezrutch.*



August 06, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Norma Gertrude Bezrutch.*



August 06, 2020 at 09:59 AM

LD

“ *I'm so thankful my grandma was able to meet baby Emma before becoming an angel. We were able to take our four generation pictures on FaceTime. Rest In Peace Grandma B. I know heaven has another angel looking down at us. I will always remember you reading to my sister Ashley and me, you had a phenomenal story voice! You made me a life long learner and because of you I am a teacher and reading specialist.*

**Linsey (Bezrutch) Dominguez** - August 06, 2020 at 09:25 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norma Gertrude Bezrutch.*



August 06, 2020 at 09:24 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Norma Gertrude Bezrutch.*



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August 05, 2020 at 08:19 PM

## “ MOM

*Mom was a beautiful person both inside and out. Her family meant the world to her. When we were young, she stayed home to raise us and became a teacher when we were in late elementary school. Fond childhood memories include going to our grandparent's cottage in Oxford on weekends and for family vacations. She would pack lunches for the fishing trips and was always good at spotting turtles in the channels. We roasted marsh mallows by the campfire and sang songs. She always was very proud that Beverly and I would play our musical instruments for the Mother's Day church service when we went to see her Mother in Ashley Michigan. We often visited her relatives and stayed at her Uncle Oliver Nicholas's centennial farm in Ovid Michigan. The farm is now part of the Sleepy Hollow State Park.*

*Mom love to read and had a collection with hundreds of books. She told us stories of deer hunting with my Dad. She was a non-hunter and would read a book in the woods and see several deer, while my Dad did not see any.*

*Mom made our favorite Christmas graham cracker pies and fudge every year. Her granddaughter Ashley helped her out and has now been designated the future family fudge maker. Mom was also a "chocoholic" and we believe it helped her to live a long healthy life.*

*Mom went on several trips and cruises with our Dad and they were considering retiring in Arizona. When Dad passed away at the early age of 58 Mom focused her attention on her grandchildren. She lived with Beverly and Jennifer for several years and helped raise Jennifer going to all her dance recitals and traveling with her to several states to see her perform. Her favorite trip was New York.*

*Mom bought a Condo in Troy and lived across the street from the school where Brian and Trudy's children went to elementary school. She watched them before and after school and helped them do their homework. Linsey and Ashley both loved having grandma read stories to them and working on puzzles. She went to Disneyworld with the grandchildren and on a cruise.*

*Mom loved to play cards and taught us to play bridge when we were nine. She often played three handed Pinochle with Bev and Dave. Mom and Trudy's mother, Mildred Ahonen, would come over every Sunday night to have dinner and play cards. She took up square dancing after her retirement and traveled to Alaska with the square dance troupe and Margo. Margo also taught with Mom in the same school district for several years.*

*Mom was always very generous with gifts for everyone. She was always positive and thinking about others. She was a tremendous strength to share guidance and advice. She was a very good listener and always made you feel special. Mom will truly be missed but we are glad she is resting peacefully with Dad in heaven.*





“ *Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Norma Gertrude Bezrutch.*



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August 05, 2020 at 04:43 PM

JW

“ *Norma always made me feel like family that she had known for yours even the first time I met her. She was always interested in what I had to say and always gave feedback and was engaged in our conversations. She loved when I would pick hickory nuts out of our front yard in the fall. She will be missed but her memory will always be with us.*

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joe wade - August 05, 2020 at 03:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Norma Gertrude Bezrutch.*



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August 05, 2020 at 08:16 AM

RK

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Rev. Dr. Raymond B. Knudsen II*

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Ray Knudsen - August 04, 2020 at 11:23 PM

HH

“ *Dear Norma was an example of a life well lived. A beautiful lady, she was such a fine Mother, Grandmother, and friend. Our family enjoyed her company and pleasantness. She will be missed in the days to come.*

*Love Always,  
Heather Harabedian*



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heather harabedian - August 04, 2020 at 10:35 PM

JD

“ To my beautiful Grandma,  
You will always be my sidekick, chocolate lover, and best friend. You taught me so much about life and helped me become the woman I am today. May our memories shared together provide peace and comfort for years to come. Your brightness will always shine down with your smile kept close to my heart. Your unconditional love will live on forever and your legacy never forgotten. You may have gained your heavenly angel wings but you were always an angel to me. I love you Grandma always and forever.

Love Always,  
Jennifer xoxo

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**jennifer Destefano** - August 03, 2020 at 09:58 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Norma Gertrude Bezrutch.



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August 03, 2020 at 09:00 PM

KS

“ My best memory of Aunt Norma is her laughter. She had a wonderful laugh and she laughed a lot. I will miss that. With love and sympathy from her niece, Kathy

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**Kathy Scheiern** - August 03, 2020 at 08:35 PM

BK

“ Beverly, Kathy, Kary and Kevin purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Norma Gertrude Bezrutch.



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**Beverly, Kathy, Kary and Kevin** - August 03, 2020 at 08:15 PM