



## Betty M. Nelson

September 4, 1930 - January 3, 2025

NELSON, Betty M.

January 3, 2025. Age 94. Loving mother of Rick (Laura Pratt) Nelson and Jack (Elizabeth) Nelson. Proud grandmother Rick Jr. (Elizabeth), Carrie (Chris) Brinkman, and Matthew (Deanna) & great-grandmother of Alexandria, Carter, Charlotte, Alexander, and Emma. Dearest sister of Caroline Henzie, the late Norman Setter, the late Bill Setter, and the late Doris Larsen. She is survived by many loving nieces & nephews.

Resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, graduate of Southeastern High School (1948), Executive Assistant at Deloitte (Touche Ross) Accounting Firm, Chairwoman of the DYC Sailorettes in 1968 and an Alto Saxophone playing member of the Grosse Pointe Band, Heritage Band, Belgium Band, and the Mummers Band. After surviving pancreatic cancer, she biked across Michigan 15 times with PALM (Pedal Across Lower Michigan) and volunteered at the Henry Ford House, the Belle Isle Conservancy and ushered at the DSO.

Memorial visitation will take place Saturday, January 11th, 11:00am until the 2:00pm Memorial Service at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile).

Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book" @ [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com).

Donations preferred to Gilda's Club.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN 11. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Memorial Service

JAN 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty M. Nelson*



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**Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc.** - January 13, 2025 at 09:33 AM

JH

“ *Aunt Betty never treated me differently just because I wasn't blood related to her. She always had a smile on her face. She will be well missed.*

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**Jessica Harmon** - January 11, 2025 at 12:29 PM

RG

“ It is with great sadness that I hear of the passing of Betty. She was so vital and energetic, playing saxophone , ice skating and volunteering. It was such a pleasure to visit with her recently even if we didn't recognize each other initially. I set a record for the of steps that day touring BQ. Her enlarged apartment, complete with the aging Christmas cactus and family pictures, were highlights of the day. How lucky I was to meet her grandson at that time too, But for PALM I would never have met Caroline and Betty. For fifteen years we traveled the back roads of Michigan including other family members sometimes. I felt like I was the third sister! It was great fun and camaraderie. It is a testament to our friendship that we were able to meet at Zingerman's Deli and my art show in addition to PALM, Pedal Across Lower Michigan. She will be missed by many and me too. Rita Gelman

Rita Gelman - January 10, 2025 at 03:14 PM

LS

“ Logan Shaheen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty M. Nelson.

Logan Shaheen - January 10, 2025 at 12:09 PM

LS

“ Logan Shaheen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Betty M. Nelson.



Logan Shaheen - January 10, 2025 at 12:09 PM

LF

“ *Lauren Stavale and family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Betty M. Nelson.*



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**Lauren Stavale and family** - January 09, 2025 at 09:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Betty M. Nelson.

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January 09, 2025 at 04:12 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Betty M. Nelson.*



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January 09, 2025 at 04:12 PM

WS

“ *With deepest sympathy, Team Rehab SCS purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Betty M. Nelson.*



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**With deepest sympathy, Team Rehab SCS** - January 09, 2025 at 10:22 AM

CH

“ Betty my big sister she was the oldest and I the youngest 11 years between us . We did a lot of things together rode our bikes across Michigan several times traveled to California Chicago Washington DC . We were very close to each other now there is a void in my life, I know God is with me and will help my grief. RIP my dear sister. I Love you so much and I hold you in my Heart Always.

Caroline Henze - January 07, 2025 at 09:05 PM

RC

“ Rick, Liz, Zandee, Carter & Char planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty M. Nelson.

Rick, Liz, Zandee, Carter & Char - January 07, 2025 at 04:48 PM

RC

“ Rick, Liz, Zandee, Carter & Char purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Betty M. Nelson.



Rick, Liz, Zandee, Carter & Char - January 07, 2025 at 04:48 PM

AE

“ Betty took me on a bike ride to the Ambassador Bridge when she was 85. We went 15 miles and she was faster than I was! She also loaded the bikes on her car and wouldn't let me help. She was an amazing, colorful person and such an inspiration to most. My parents knew all about her and got a laugh out of her raking her leaves/sweeping the curb every morning at 7 am. RIP Betty, I already miss you.

Amy E. - January 06, 2025 at 06:51 AM

CV

*What a wonderful posting Amy  
She was a very close friend of my Dad and step mother.  
She was a unique lady who brought a sense of Joy and inspiration.  
She was and will always be a special person in my heart. She shared  
my father's love by telling me how he loved his two sons. She imparted  
a beautiful remembrance of my Dad, Bob Vandebussche. My two  
visits at her home were so personal. What a sweet sweet memory I  
have of her. Our walk through the GP Park was also a special time of  
her journey through life.  
I hope to visit the family soon. My deepest sincere condolences to all  
her loved ones.  
Shalom  
Craig Vandebussche*

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**Craig Vandebussche** - January 06, 2025 at 10:56 AM

CV

*See my post response from  
Amy E*

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**Craig Vandebussche** - January 06, 2025 at 11:26 AM

LH

*“ I met Betty in the Grosse Pointe Concert Band. She was very  
friendly to me, and she fascinated me with her zest for life and many  
interests. Her vitality and positive attitude were inspirational and  
helps me look for the amazement in every person and enjoy a  
variety of activities daily. Betty was always logical and approached  
every issue with boldness. She told her wise perspective without  
fear, like it or not. Betty will continue to inspire me to keep going  
even when the going gets tough. Betty is one of the most influential  
people in my life, and I will try to look at things from all angles like  
she did. Hopefully, I can be as wise as Betty and inspire others from  
what I learned from Betty.*

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**Lynne Henry** - January 05, 2025 at 08:44 PM

MB

“ *Betty was one of the first people to greet me when I became the director of The Lake House (later Gilda's Club). Her spirit was inspirational, and I always looked forward to seeing her for yoga class.*

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**Madeline Bialecki** - January 05, 2025 at 09:13 AM