



Beatrice Lydia Breinling

April 8, 1922 - October 8, 2014

Beatrice Lydia Breinling, 92, of St. Joseph left this earth on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at Lakeland Hospital. She now rests in God's hands.

Funeral services celebrating her life will be held at 11 AM on Monday, Oct. 13, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Benton Harbor with Rev. Nathan Fager officiating. Burial will be at North Shore Memory Gardens. Visitation will be held from 2 PM to 5 PM on Sunday at the Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in St. Joseph. Memorial donations may be made to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church or Michigan Lutheran High School. Please share memories, messages and photos at www.florin.net.

Bea was born to Chester and Lydia (Biastock) Carley on April 8, 1922. She was raised on the family farm on Dutch Lane in Sodus. Bea was a proud 1940 graduate of Benton Harbor High School, a member of the Tigers Marching Band, Tiger Orchestra, the Benton Harbor Girls Band, the Girl Reserves, the Football Sisters, a Big Sister and the Basketball Sisters. Bea and high school friends Ben Mamina and Don Humphrey formed a band trio and performed at dances and at the Clay Street Baptist Church.

In 1953, Bea married her special sailor, John Herbert Breinling. She kept the home fires burning while John started his Real Estate and Insurance business. Together they raised 3 sons to be good Christian husbands and

fathers. Bea was a very active member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. She held offices in the Altar Guild, was a room mother, and helped with funeral dinners. Bea worked at the A & P Grocery Store in Benton Harbor and was the personnel director at Remington-Rand. When her boys went to school, Bea began working in the Fairplain Junior High Cafeteria. Later she worked at the Hall of Cards and Books in Fairplain. Bea also volunteered in the lunch room at Mercy Hospital. Bea loved playing bridge, golfing, cheering for the Cubs, traveling with John, and picnics on the beach with her family and friends.

Bea is survived by her husband of 61 years, John; her 3 sons, Thomas (Carol) of Ada, MI, Jeffery (Cheryl) of Stevensville, and Mark of Grandville, MI; her grandchildren, Heather (Ryan) Imler, Craig (Tina) Breinling, Scott (Amber) Breinling, Ashley (David) Fouch, Rick Breinling and Aaron Breinling; and her 2 Step-grandchildren, Nicole and Andrew Mikkelsen. Bea loved to hold and cradle her 4 great-grandchildren, Mackenzie, Cooper, Sullivan and Aubrie and her 2 step-great grandchildren, Taylor and Shelby. Bea was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Helen Davis. She was loved and will be missed by her family and friends

Cemetery Details

North Shore Memory Gardens

5027 M 63 N
Coloma, MI 49038

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service - Closed 2013
2506 Niles Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
(269) 983-1514
staff@florin.net

Services Celebrating Her Life

OCT **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
Colfax & Kline
Benton Harbor, MI

Graveside Service

OCT **13**. 12:30 PM (ET)

North Shore Memory Gardens
5027 M 63 N
Coloma, MI 49038

Gathering

OCT **13**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Galley Grill
4296 Red Arrow Highway
Stevensville, MI 49127

Tribute Wall



“ Florin Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Beatrice Lydia Breinling



Florin Funeral Services - October 12, 2014 at 01:14 PM

EL

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Bea's family today!

Erika Wilder Large - October 13, 2014 at 08:02 AM

EL

“ Erika Wilder Large lit a candle in memory of Beatrice Lydia Breinling



Erika Wilder Large - October 13, 2014 at 08:00 AM

JB

“ *Bea was my 2nd cousin. As a young adult, I remember always admiring her but because of our age difference, we were never close. After moving back to the area from a long stay in Arizona, I make it a point to re-connect. She only lived a mile from me and I visited often (sometimes I would walk to see her). We loved looking through family pictures on her mother's side, talking about old family events and family members. She was surprised how much I remember and it was fun for her to have someone to talk to, since I was about the only one left on her side of the family. Sometimes I would take them dinner, (She loved pot roast), take her to get her hair done and to doctors appointments. She was always very concerned about how she looked (I thought she was a beautiful lady)and I helped her as much as possible since she couldn't see well. I saw to it she had the "right" shade rouge for her cheeks and make sure her nails were cut and clean. Sometimes I would iron, wash or mend a special article of clothing for her. After they moved to the towers, I didn't get to see them as much because I didn't have a car, and with my husband now working, used the only transportation we had. I will always remember her as a beautiful, fine lady, with a fun and busy life.....She's in a better place now but will be missed greatly by all of us she left behind...*

Janet Blazen - October 12, 2014 at 08:09 PM

RB

“ *Share a memory of Beatrice Lydia Breinling, or send a condolence to the family...*

Rita Stieve Behrman - October 12, 2014 at 06:09 AM



“ Mrs. Breinling was an AMAZING christian woman! She served her community and church family fervently! She will be missed! She is now wearing the crown of life that Jesus won for her! I'll never forget the hug she gave to me at my mom's funeral in 2012! RIH!

Kathy Tyson - October 10, 2014 at 09:52 PM



“ Kathy Tyson lit a candle in memory of Beatrice Lydia Breinling



Kathy Tyson - October 10, 2014 at 09:48 PM