



## Betty Jean Watkins

August 24, 1944 - October 31, 2009

Benton Harbor – Betty Jean Watkins, 65, passed away Saturday afternoon, October 31, at her home and surrounded by her family, following a long and courageous fight against cancer.

Funeral services celebrating her life will be held at 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, November 4, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, 1053 E. Napier Ave., in Benton Harbor, with Pastor Mark Lindeman officiating. Burial will follow at the Lakeshore Cemetery of Hagar Township. Visitation will be held Tuesday evening from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M., at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Hospice at Home – St. Joseph.

Betty was born August 24, 1944, in Heber Springs, AR. She was one of four children born to Coy Oliver and Hazel Buckner Howard. On September 18, 1960, she married John Randal Watkins and together had two children, John Randal, Jr. and Ronda Lynn. Betty loved nature which included feeding birds and caring for her flower garden. She enjoyed traveling to warmer climates in the winter. Most of all, Betty cherished her family and will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Betty is survived by her husband John “Randal” Watkins; children, John “Randy” Watkins, Jr. of Kailua, Hawaii and Ronda L. Watkins of Coloma; granddaughter, Sasha Watkins of Stevensville; great-granddaughter, Claudya Bermudez; by her sister, Shirley Keltner of Independence, KY; and by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents, Betty was preceded in death by her brother, Eugene Howard and by her sister, Christine Tancil.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakeshore Hagar Cemetery

Eaman Road  
Hagar Township, MI 49022

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**NOV 3.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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