



# Betty Jane Miller-Barrett

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**B**etty Jane Miller-Barrett, age 80, of Spring Lake passed away at home on Wednesday, July 4, surrounded by her family and friends. She was born February 4, 1927, in Los Angeles, California, to Wallace and Mary Van Allen, and was of Dutch and Irish ancestry. She graduated from Beverly Hills High School and attended the University of Southern California.

As a young girl, Betty, whose mother was a Hollywood actress, had roles in several movies along with well-known stars such as Spencer Tracy, Robert Taylor, and Vera Miles.

While attending USC, she worked summer jobs in Yosemite National Park, where she met her first husband, Lowry Miller. Despite his UCLA affiliation, they were married on December 27, 1948. They raised four children, living in Omaha, Nebraska; Sacramento, California; Louisville, Kentucky; and finally Spring Lake, Michigan, where she was preceded in death by Lowry in 1997. She later met and married William Barrett, who also preceded her in death in 2005.

Betty was active in community service, serving as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for children in troubled families, working on the Spring Lake Help Line, and recording books on tape for the sight-impaired. She was also a longtime member of Spring Lake Country Club.

Betty was preceded in death by her son, Scott Miller, of Sedona, Arizona. She is survived by three children, Tim (Nancy) Miller of Courtland, California, Jenet (Steve) Busch of Lawai, Hawaii, and Julia Miller of Spring Lake. She is also survived by four grandchildren: Christina Van Den Berge of Sparta, Michigan; Justin Miller of Sedona, Arizona; Sean Miller of San Francisco, California; and Jason Miller of Sacramento, California. She also had four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Betty will take place on Monday, July 9, at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven with Rev. Thomas Cook officiating. Memorial



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contributions may be made to Hospice of North Ottawa Community, <http://www.noch.org/hospice.html>. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at [www.vbkfuneralhome.com](http://www.vbkfuneralhome.com).

Betty was a woman with grace, intelligence, and kindness. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.




# Events


**Betty Jane Miller-Barrett**

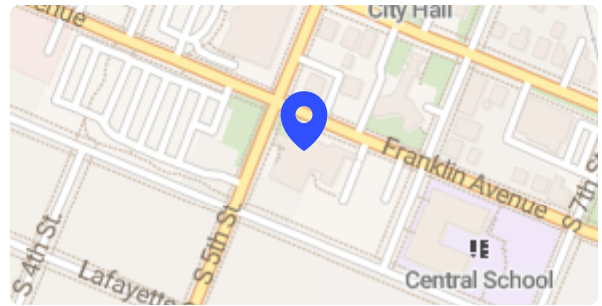
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## Service

 **Monday**, July 9, 2007

 2:00 PM ET

 **First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven**  
508 Franklin, Grand Haven Mi





## Tribute Wall

**Betty Jane Miller-Barrett**

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**Anonymous** posted:

Dearest Betty, family and friends, I pen this tribute from the shore of Lake Michigan, a place I use to reflect, respect, renew and restore. Somehow pure sand, dune grass and whitecaps topped by gliding seagulls bring lovely peace. Betty, you are always in my heart and thoughts in heaven on earth. Bless you in the arms of angels. You are an angel to me. Much Love, Cath##imported-begin##Cathy Ann Schroeder##imported-end##

July 11 at 6:34 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

As with all the Millers, knowing Betty was a treat I consider myself fortunate to have enjoyed her company.##imported-begin##Jay Wheeler##imported-end##

July 11 at 5:41 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was lucky enough to meet Betty. I found her to be graceful, cultured and interesting. I know that she is already missed. I hope that we can all carry on her goodness in us.##imported-begin##Cindy Baksys##imported-end##

July 10 at 6:59 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

She was the Greatest grandma I have ever known. She did a lot for me. I wish I could have been there to see her, before she died. She was a great person who I knew my whole life. I hope wherever you are know, that you are happy in your heart. I will miss you more than anyone would know. I still remember her last birthday. It was cold in Michigan, but it didn't damp her spirit to enjoy the party. I still wish I could have gone back to Michigan one last time to have a good time with her. It's not often that you can say that a person did everything they wanted to do in their life. Saying that still makes me wish she was around to do more. I love you grandma from Jason your grandson.##imported-begin##Jason Miller##imported-end##

July 9 at 8:06 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Personally, I always loved Betty. She was always friendly, smiling, and courteous to all. Ever since the first time I met her, it was fixed in my mind that she was a very courteous, classy lady. Still to this day. I really loved talking to her when I got a chance for she always incited feelings of happiness in you. I will think of her. Our sincerest deepest sympathies to the entire family. Thinking of y'all, Love, Rosi and Mitch###imported-begin###Rosi & Mitch Freeman###imported-end###

July 9 at 7:38 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Betty is not gone from us because she will always be in our hearts. She joins Lowry, Scott and Bill with joy. What a classy lady with a BIG HEART. Betty will be MISSED BY ALL.Love,Lea###imported-begin###Lea Gomez###imported-end###

July 9 at 7:10 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

We were blessed with the opportunity to meet Betty after she married William Barrett. The first time we met her, we found her to be such a friendly and welcoming person that it was as if we had known her for years. She was the kind of person that left a wonderful impression on everyone she met.###imported-begin###Tim and Susan Barrett###imported-end###

July 9 at 4:43 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

My most sincere condolences to you and your family Julia. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Although I had never met Betty, I know how close you were to your mother, and how much joy she brought to everyone. Know that a new bright star now shines upon all of you in the night sky. Namaste.###imported-begin###Paula (Davia) Sammons###imported-end###

July 9 at 4:23 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Betty was a wonderful person and a joy to welcome to our family. She not only brought happiness to our grandfather, but she was a ray of sunshine to our whole family. I'll always remember how she loved my grandfather and how happy she made him. She was truly loved by everyone and will be deeply missed. I wish I didn't have to work so much so that I had more time to spend with her. She will always be in mind and in my heart.##imported-begin##Jaimie Barrett##imported-end##

July 8 at 6:34 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

What a delightful, vivacious and gracious lady Betty was! I didn't get to spend a lot of time around her, but in the little time I did it was easy to see why everyone loved her. I know she will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Karen Barrett Whitfield##imported-end##

July 8 at 2:40 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I knew Betty from her marrying my grandfather William Barrett. I look back and take comfort that my grandfather was able to find someone again after losing my grandmother. I found out very quickly that she was a very fun, sweet and terrific lady who became genuinely interested in the lives of the Barrett clan. The greatest compliment I can think of is that she seemed to simply have a real "spark" to her that you just don't see in many people. From this I know she will be truly missed.##imported-begin##William (Randy) Barrett III##imported-end##

July 8 at 1:56 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

A tribute to a great lady who blessed the Barrett family by marrying my father-in law. She was always wonderful to me and I am grateful I was able to tell her that I loved her. I am unable to be at the memorial but will be there in spirit. My best to all the family. I will miss her.##imported-begin##Linda Barrett##imported-end##

July 8 at 12:32 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Julia, we just wanted to let you know how sorry we are to hear of the loss of your dear mother. We love you and are keeping you in our prayers! Much love, Tami and Nancy##imported-begin##Tami and Nancy##imported-end##

July 8 at 5:31 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Con te Partrio . . . may we all be so fortunate to leave surrounded by the love and attention of our children and loved ones. My love to everyone and Betty, Dan##imported-begin##Dan Harris##imported-end##

July 7 at 12:40 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Unfortunately, I never had the opportunity to meet this beautiful lady. But I've heard many stories about her from her loving daughter-in-law, Nancy who always had warm tales of Betty's humor and spirit. I know she will be sadly missed by everyone whose life she touched but will live on beyond her years thorough the hearts and memories of those that knew and loved her.##imported-begin##Denise Vallier##imported-end##

July 6 at 2:59 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

As a well-spent day brings happy sleep, so a life well spent brings happy death.- Leonardo da Vinci Though I'd only met Betty once, I do know Julia. Having raised a joyful family like yours - I have no doubt Betty slept happy and is now still happy in the memories of it all. My best to the entire family. Debby Descheneau##imported-begin##Debby Descheneau##imported-end##

July 6 at 11:59 AM



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