



# Elizabeth "Betty" Gee

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## Elizabeth "Betty" Gee

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**E**lizabeth "Betty" Gee, age 90, of Spring Lake passed away Saturday, February 18, 2017, at a local care facility. She was born November 10, 1926, in Fruitport, to Frank and Mary (Beer) Vrablic, Sr. and married Hale Gee on October 18, 1958.

Betty was extremely devoted to her husband, Hale and their six children. Music was an important part of her life. She loved playing her guitar and taking trips to Nashville. She loved to hunt, crochet, bake, play cards, ride her four-wheeler, but most of all, spend time with her family. Her most memorable times were spent "Up North" where lots of memories were made. She loved the simple things in life: watching for deer "Up North", having friends and family stop over for coffee (with banana cake or chocolate chip cookies), and sitting on the couch holding hands with her husband Hale. She was always helping others and had a special way of making everyone feel like they were her "favorite". Her legacy will live on in the lives she touched by her kindness, generosity and love. She taught us all to work hard, "make a difference", put our trust in God and make lots of memories. We learned from the best!

Betty is lovingly remembered by her loving husband, Hale Gee of Spring Lake; four daughters: Bonnie (Donald) Heinz of West Olive, Connie (Steve Jones) LaFrance of Spring Lake, Kathy (Fred) Sanford of Whitehall, and Cindy (Larry) Jackman of Grand Haven; two sons, Dan (Karen) Hildreth of Grand Haven and Larry (Gloria) Hildreth of Muskegon; sixteen grandchildren; twenty-seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Helen Langlois of Nunica and Theresa (Ora) Richert of Grand Haven; two brothers, Michael (Nancy) Vrablic and Anthony (Carol) Vrablic both of Grand Haven. She was preceded in death by four sisters: Catherine Snyder, Margaret Vrablic, Maggie Farkas, and Pauline Glover, and one brother, Frank Vrablic, Jr.

The funeral for Betty will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 23, 2017, at Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, The VanZantwick Chapel, with Rev. Jeff Elzinga officiating. Friends may meet the family 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, February 22, at The VanZantwick Chapel. Interment will be in Lakeshore Cemetery. Memorial contributions to Love INC-Food Truck Ministry, The American Legion Goodfellows, and Hospice of North Ottawa Community are appreciated. Share



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memories with the family at their online guest book at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com). The family would like to say a special "Thank You" to Dr. Molly Crissman, for the love and support she has shown our wife and mother throughout the years. She was blessed to have "Molly" as her doctor, and friend as well.



## Events

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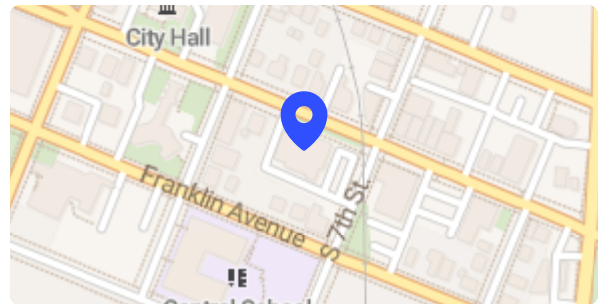
### Visitation

 **Wednesday**, February 22, 2017

 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The VanZantwick Chapel**

620 Washington, Grand Haven MI 49417



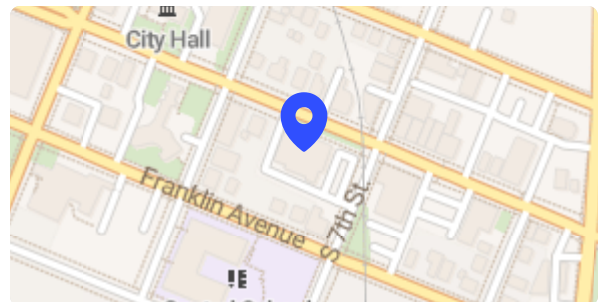
### Funeral Service

 **Thursday**, February 23, 2017

 11:00 AM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The VanZantwick Chapel**

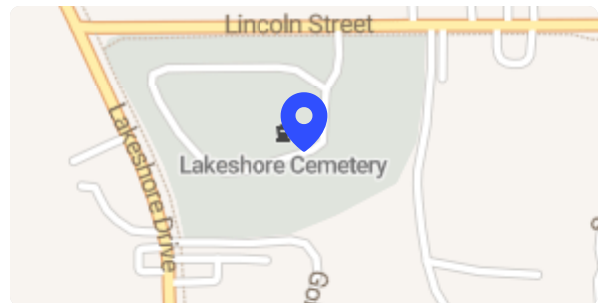
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### Cemetery Details

 **Lakeshore Cemetery - Grand Haven Township**

17200 Lincoln St., Grand Haven MI 49417





## Tribute Wall

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DH

**Dan Hildreth** posted:

For the past 4 or 5 yrs. Every time I would call my mom or she would call me. The first words out of my mouth would be "Happy Mothers Day ".the first time I told her that -she said "It's not Mothers Day " and I told her that everyday was "Mothers Day ". And that continued till the end. Love you and miss you. Dan

February 26 at 2:51 PM

HR

**Hazel Raddatz** posted:

Betty was an angel on earth. Love is what she taught us all here on earth. Material things did not matter to her, it was all about family and friends. She gave me one of the best friends a gal could have----Kathy. And her other children were always so full of life. Hale and Betty showed us all how to love your spouse. So sorry for the loss of such a great wife and mother. You had the very best. Love to all of you.

February 22 at 3:06 PM

BM

**Barbara Mcquarter** posted:

So sorry for your loss Connie and Kathy Cindy Bonnie Larry and Danny and all the grandkids. I have a lot of fond memories of Betty bingo games all the goodies she use to leave in the mailbox and rides Connie would share with me going north to visit . You are a beautiful Lady and you will definitely be missed. I'm so sad that I won't be able to attend tomorrow but I've been fighting the flu and cough but please know my thoughts and prayers are with you all

February 22 at 1:46 PM

EM

**Ed And Sue Merz** lit a candle in honor of Elizabeth.



February 22 at 11:34 AM



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MM

**Margaret S. Massari** posted:

Kathy and Fred, Jack, Alison and I send our deepest condolences on the passing of your mother, mother-in-law Betty Gee. We know it was a struggle for her and for you for some time. She lived a good, long life and those memories will be a lasting testament to the woman with whom you grew to love over all the years. We are making a donation in lieu of flowers because Shelley said you asked for donations. Please know you, and your family, are in our prayers. Sorry to hear that your father brother are ill too. We will be in touch. Margaret

February 22 at 9:30 AM

GH

**Gloria Hildreth** posted:

Gloria Hildreth In memory of my loving mother-in who treated me like a daughter for 42yrs. You will be happily remembered and sadly missed. With Love Gloria

February 22 at 8:37 AM

JM

**Jason, Erica & Avalyn Meyer** sent a Glorious Grace Bouquet to the Gee family.



February 22 at 5:55 AM

BE

**Bea** posted:

Aunt Fritz, you were one of a kind. Kindhearted, entertaining, funny, & very sincere. You will be truly missed and will now be playing bingo & singing with the rest of them waiting for you upstairs. Give mom a big hug & kiss & let her know how much she is being missed. Thank you for all of the fun memories up north. They were the best times! Uncle Hale, Bonnie, Connie, Kathy, Cindy, Larry, & Dan; we are so very sorry. Cherish the memories. Unfortunately, we are unable to attend the service. I just got back from Fla. on Tuesday & am still fighting the flu & that doesn't need to be passed on to anyone. A card is in the mail. Love to all! Bea & Bill

February 22 at 4:24 AM



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**Doug Glover** posted:

Aunt Fritz was more than just a Aunt to me, she was my second mother and friend. Aunt Fritz and Uncle Hale, and kids, let me grow up as a weekend family member, and that I will always treasure more than they could know. She always watched over me and would call from time to time to see how I was doing. She is so much to so many people, how can you put into words how you feel. Words could never come close so I will dedicate my George Jones music marathon to her today, I'm sure she will understand. Aunt Fritz please give my Mom and Dad a hug for me, and tell George Jones that Doug said " Hey ". You will always be with me, and when I think of you, the smile and laughter will be for you, Love Ya, Doug

February 22 at 2:35 AM



**James A Griswold** posted:

Dear Hale and family, We are so sorry to hear of Betty passing. She was a true joy to care for, always with a smile, even when she didn't feel well. Hale she worried about you all the time. Now you have to lean on your friends and family as you go through the coming months. I hope as you do, you dwell on that smile though! Hale, we will be here when you need us again. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Our sincere sympathies, Dr. James and Janet Griswold

February 21 at 12:17 PM



**Shirley Wilkinson** posted:

Uncle Hale and Family I am sorry for your loss of "Aunt Fritz" She was Mom or Mentor to everyone. Will remember her for her baking. She would always call me concerned about my hands. Very supportive of my surgeries. It was 25 years ago on the 22nd they and Aunt Theresa and Uncle Boots drove t to Cheboygan, for my wedding, in sleet I will always remember that, I wish I could be there , but I can't, drive anymore. I will be there in spirit. Love Shirley Farkas Wilkinson

February 21 at 12:03 PM



**Mary Bruins ( Neice)** lit a candle in honor of Elizabeth.

Aunt Fritz, you will always be in my heart.

February 21 at 10:09 AM



**MN** **Mary Bruins ( Neice)** February 21 at 10:11 AM  
Mary Bruins



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DG

**Denise Graham** lit a candle in honor of Elizabeth.

Kathy- You and your family are in my prayers.

February 21 at 7:54 AM



DC

**Donna Carlston** posted:

Dear family you are in my heart and prayers, Aunt Fritz was a wonderful, thoughtful lady. About 9 yrs. ago mother, (Helen), and Aunt Fritz went with me to pick up my new puppy, Buddy. Aunt Fritz held Buddy all the way home, she petted him, talked to him. She made his trip home comforting. I will never forget that, she was kind to everyone and everything. Aunt Fritz will be missed. Blessings Donna Carlston

February 21 at 5:38 AM

JK

**Jill Kinkema** posted:

Connie, Steve, Betty's family and friends- It's hard to find the words to express how highly Betty's family and friends thought of her. Although our paths did not pass often when we did, we certainly enjoyed each others company. A couple visits to their place up north and other family functions will always be remembered. Losing a parent is one of the most painful parts of life, she will be dearly missed by all. Stay strong, loving, energetic and supportive. Jill Kinkema

February 21 at 3:42 AM

SC

**Susan Collins** lit a candle in honor of Elizabeth.

February 21 at 3:23 AM



DV

**Don Vrablic** posted:

I won't be able to be there Thursday, but please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Aunt Fritz was very special to us all.

February 21 at 1:43 AM



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RH

**Rick & Laura Hilliard** posted:

We are so very sorry to learn of the passing of your mother, sister, grandmother & aunt. We did not know her personally, but know many of you. Elizabeth sounds like she was a busy woman with a lot of talents and love for you all. Please cherish those memories she worked so hard to make.

February 21 at 1:12 AM

CB

**Candy Brown** posted:

Connie & family, so sorry to hear of your mom passing away. She will remain in all of your hearts forever. She left all of you with many memories to hold on to. She is now an angel watching over you like she did here on earth. She will be missed by so many people, Hold on to those memories.

February 20 at 7:14 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Gee family.



February 20 at 4:25 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Pretty Please to the Gee family.



February 20 at 4:00 PM

JC

**Jan Clark** posted:

Bonnie and family: sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I know that no matter how sick our parents are, we know that it is a blessing for them to be at peace, but we are never truly prepared when that time comes. Your family is in my thoughts at this difficult time.

February 20 at 3:15 PM



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PH

**Pamela Hart** lit a candle in honor of Elizabeth.

February 20 at 3:05 PM



BL

**Becky Lutz** lit a candle in honor of Elizabeth.

She was definitely an amazing lady! She always had a smile on her face and love in her heart for everyone!!! And the best homemade chocolate chip cookies. Love and God's blessings!!! ❤️

February 20 at 1:27 PM



CJ

**Chris Jeffries** lit a candle in honor of Elizabeth.

February 20 at 12:11 PM



SS

**Susan Schmitt** lit a candle in honor of Elizabeth.

February 20 at 11:58 AM



DC

**Denise Casemier** lit a candle in honor of Elizabeth.

Such a sweet lady. Will miss you "ma" !

February 20 at 11:36 AM



RL

**Rose And Jerry Lusk** February 22 at 10:57 AM

Such a special lady, she always made me poppy seed cakes. We looked forward to seeing her each trip that we made from Florida. We miss her already. Our Love to Hale. A and all family. Rose and Jerry



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Elizabeth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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