



## Billie Arlene Leonard

July 12, 1927 - January 3, 2022

Leonard, Billie Arlene (Veitenheimer) with Elegance and Grace joined the Angels and her Eternal Father – Monday, January 3rd, 2022. With her family by her side.

Billie was born on July 12th, 1927 to William and Ethel Veitenheimer in Muskegon. Billie graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1946. Her main focus was caring for her 6 beloved children, which are her pride and joy.

Billie had many employments throughout her lifetime. Billie was a member of St. Mary's "The 49ers" club for 65 years, St. Mary's Women's Guild, and also enjoyed being a sign language interpreter at Baker College. She volunteered at Mercy Hospital for 7 years and did care taking for a short time. Billie worked as a Proof Reader at Earle Press and she also was employed at Krautheim Jewelers in the China department. Billie's last employment was at Breneman's making curtain shades. Billie was a people person, with an infectious laugh and made everyone around her feel welcomed.

Billie enjoyed being outdoors, especially summer. Pere Marquette was her happy place, sitting on the bench soaking up the sun and looking at Lake Michigan. She loved boating on Muskegon Lake and Blue Lake with a cold beer, fishing, and taking long walks. She loved sun bathing by the pool with mudslides, and visiting her daughter down in Florida several times. When Billie wasn't soaking up the sun, you could find her playing poker, taking trips to the casino, listening to music at home, playing her harmonica, while feeding her neighborhood squirrel, and spending time with her bird "Squeegee", also her LOVE for animals and monkeys, boy oh boy did Billie love monkeys!!!!

Billie was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters - Virginia King, Nadyne Stone, and her brothers in law – Clinton King and Donald Stone, daughter in law, Mary Leonard and son in law, Stephe Nathan.

Billie will be greatly missed by her children, Karen (Dennis) O'Toole, Rhonda Kay Nathan, Antoinette (Dave) LeMieux, Tony (Sandy Morrith) Leonard, Michelle (John) Szot, Willie

(Wendy Kenney) Leonard. Her grandchildren, Brian (Molly) Dutkiewicz, Lindsey (William) Kuczmera, Justin (Kelsie) Judd, Nicole (Ryan) Johnson, Kattie Lemieux, Jacob (Barb) LeMieux, Zac (Susan Glynn) LeMieux, Joshua Leonard, Tom (Kristen) Leonard, Amy Keur, TJ (Lauren) Szot, Toni (Troy) Snyder, Kellie (Aaron) Rice, and Ryan (Breanne) Leonard. Billie was blessed with 26 great grandchildren. Billie will be also missed by her lifelong friends, Lucille Radke and Lila Leonard.

Billie will always be remembered as a loving mother, doting grandmother, and a caring great grandmother. Having a heart of gold and always making people laugh with her keen sense of humor. Her electric personality allowed her to make friends with so many people.

Due to Covid-19, A private Family mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church for the family. A celebration of Life will be scheduled in July 2022.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given in Billie's name towards a park bench at Pere Marquette Beach. Donations can be made out to the Muskegon Federal Credit Union (65 W. Laketon Ave. Muskegon, MI 49441) with Billie Leonard's name in the memo line.

Share memories with the family online at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com).

Arrangements by The Walburn Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremations Services, 1547 W. Sherman Blvd. Muskegon, MI 49441 (231) 759-8565

# Comments

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“ Leonard Family,

So sorry for the loss of your mother, I remember her from when I was a little girl and Michelle babysat for me, she was the sweetest lady.

Marci Tombari - January 12 at 12:31 PM

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“ I'm from Muskegon also. Lived down in Bluffton. But never knew her. But similarities from her obit. Surely we are related?  
Sally Veitenheimer.

Sally Veitenheimer - January 11 at 03:54 PM

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“ I know you are dancing and singing with the angels. You took a part of my heart with you. I will see you again! Love, Love, Love you MOM. Your Numero Uno.



Karen O'Toole - January 10 at 05:25 PM