



## Bernice Catherine Lackey

November 13, 1915 - August 22, 2013

B. C. (Bee) Lackey, age 97, of Glendale, passed away Thursday, August 22, 2013 at her home. Mrs. Lackey was born November 13, 1915 in Chicago, IL, the daughter of James and Anna Smetana. At the start of WWII, she moved to Glendale 'for the duration', and remained on her much loved farm for the rest of her life. In 1947 she married Wm. Lackey of Bloomingdale.

Beginning in the early 1960's Mrs. Lackey became a leader in the local and state GOP, wearing out 'six pairs of little old lady tennis shoes' in service. In 1978, she was elected to the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners, where she served for a decade.

She is survived by her daughter Susan Lackey (Steve Daut) of Chelsea, MI, niece Pat Smetana of Paw Paw, special friends Joyce, John and Jason Watts of Allegan, Tom Chmielewski of Kalamazoo and her dog, Penny. She was preceded in death by her husband. Following her wishes cremation has taken place. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Animals Best Friend, P.O. Box 443, Oshtemo, MI 49077.

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation**

# Tribute Wall



“ *I will always treasure some very special memories of Bee. Tiny but mighty she was and one heck of a role model for women and public servants. My sympathies to you, Susan. So sorry for your loss. Judy Lammers*

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**Judy Lammers** - August 24, 2013 at 10:06 AM