



Betty June Merchant

May 14, 1961 - October 9, 2020

Betty June (Deringer) Merchant, age 59 of Allegan, Michigan, passed away at home surrounded by her family on Friday, October 9, 2020. Betty was born May 14, 1961 in Hayti, Missouri, the daughter of the late Samuel and Maxine Deringer. Betty married the love of her life, Joel Merchant on July 19, 1980. They resided on the Merchant family farm where they raised their two daughters, Amanda and Stacey. Betty was a dedicated and hard worker. She worked as a Certified Medical Assistant at Bronson South Haven ProHealth for 15 years. Betty was a devoted and loving mother. She was very proud of her family and was excited to be "Nani/Nina" to 4 grandchildren. She loved watching her grandchildren play sports and show 4H animals. She loved every opportunity she had to spend time and spoil them. Betty was the beloved wife of Joel Merchant, devoted mother of Amanda (Tim) Gaulke and Stacey (Andy) Fox and loving "Nani/Nina" of Ian and Emily Gaulke and Kinley and Peyton Fox. 3 sisters, Rose Deringer, Judy (Jerry) Oisten, Deb Deringer. She was preceded in death by parents and her mother in law Esther Merchant. The family will meet friends on Thursday, October 15th from 5 - 8 PM and Friday, October 16th from 10 AM until time of funeral services at 11 AM, at the First Baptist Church of Allegan. Private interment will follow in Mallory Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to either the First Baptist Church AWANA Camp Scholarship, 1290 32nd St, Allegan, MI 49010 or 4-H Camp Kidwell, 39000 1st Ave, Bloomingdale, MI 49026. Arrangements entrusted to the Bloomingdale Chapel, D. L. Miller

Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Mallory Cemetery

Trowbridge Township
Allegan, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church, Allegan
1290 32nd St
Allegan, MI 49010

Visitation

OCT **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

OCT **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DL

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you Joel and your entire family. God Bless.

Dan Laux - October 17, 2020 at 08:08 AM

BR

“ I so enjoyed seeing Betty when she came "across the street" to pick up forms at the ED desk. She always had a smile on her face. I am praying for you all and am so sorry for your loss.



Brianna - October 16, 2020 at 09:35 PM

MK

“ "My thoughts and prayers for my cousin and her family!! After we moved away we lost all contact with family, after our parents passed away!!

Mary Keeling - October 15, 2020 at 03:58 PM

SM

“ Betty blessed so many people with her warmth and kindness. She was truly one of a kind and will be greatly missed. Sending our thoughts and prayers to Joel, Amanda, Stacey, and the entire family. Wishing you moments of peace and comfort as you remember Betty.

Saphia & Jim McGinnis - October 15, 2020 at 02:10 PM

KM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Joel, Amanda, Stacey and grandkids. I was lucky enough to have had the privilege of working with Betty for a couple of years. She always had a smile on her face and working with her was a pleasure. After I left Bronson, Betty and I stayed in touch with having "lunch dates" to catch up with each other's family news, etc. I enjoyed hearing about her family and especially the grandkids, as I know she was so very proud of them. She was a wonderful person indeed and I will miss her greatly.

Keri McGarr - October 14, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Betty June Merchant.



October 14, 2020 at 10:49 AM

SB

“ I remember what a great team Betty and Mark were in occupational medicine. They truly cared about you as a person. I agree with Beth, that I always looked for Betty, because she always knew what to do and how to handle each situation that came up. We miss you Betty!

Sarah Bristol - October 14, 2020 at 09:47 AM

JJ

“ *Jeremy Jacobsen lit a candle in memory of Betty June Merchant*



Jeremy Jacobsen - October 14, 2020 at 09:29 AM

JJ

Betty was one of the most caring individuals that I've had the opportunity of knowing. She would always ask how my wife and my 2-boys were doing & Betty would always tell me stories about her grandchildren and what they were involved in. She took time out of her day to make people feel worth while. We will miss her extremely @Bronson South Haven Rehab. I pray for God's Peace for her family in this time of her passing.

Jeremy Jacobsen - October 14, 2020 at 09:58 AM

DB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family of Betty. She was funny person. When we talked she would tell me story about different things that would happen. Also I love are talks and I will miss that and her smiling face.*



Daniella Bloodworth - October 13, 2020 at 06:06 PM

DW

“ *DIANE WILSON lit a candle in memory of Betty June Merchant*



DIANE WILSON - October 13, 2020 at 01:45 PM

DW

Betty was a great co-worker and will truly be missed. Joel and family, my heart goes out to you all.

DIANE WILSON - October 13, 2020 at 01:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Betty June Merchant.*



October 13, 2020 at 08:58 AM

KB

“ *Keith Bierhalter lit a candle in memory of Betty June Merchant*



Keith Bierhalter - October 13, 2020 at 08:41 AM

BR

“ *Although I didn't know Betty well, whenever I would see her she would stop and make time to say hello and ask how I was doing. Whenever I stopped by the ProHealth office with some task or another, I always looked for Betty. She was so cheerful and fun and made any day better with her kind smile and presence. She made such a difference in my life and she will be so missed.*

Beth Rumley - October 13, 2020 at 07:43 AM

MA

“ *Marlene lit a candle in memory of Betty June Merchant*



Marlene - October 12, 2020 at 10:49 PM

BC

“ *Bronson South Haven Family Care lit a candle in memory of Betty June Merchant*



Bronson South Haven Family Care - October 12, 2020 at 05:03 PM

MF

“ *Mary Ann Frazier lit a candle in memory of Betty June Merchant*



mary ann frazier - October 12, 2020 at 02:57 PM

RC

“ *Only had the pleasure of meeting Betty a couple times but she was a very sweet woman.
my condolences to Betty's friends and family.*



Randel Smith, CMA - October 12, 2020 at 02:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty June Merchant.*



October 12, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ *Bsh Pharmacy Department lit a candle in memory of Betty June Merchant*



bsh pharmacy department - October 12, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Betty June Merchant.*



October 12, 2020 at 07:55 AM



“ *Paula Siskaninetz lit a candle in memory of Betty June Merchant*



Paula Siskaninetz - October 12, 2020 at 06:41 AM

BD

“ *Becky Deringer lit a candle in memory of Betty June Merchant*



Becky Deringer - October 11, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ *Joel, Amanda & Stacey, and the rest of the family, my thoughts and prayers go out to you in this time of your heart ache. you will never have to look for Mom as she is in your heart for all eternity. love and hugs for all Craig*

Craig Phillips - October 10, 2020 at 02:25 PM

 Rhona Cohen

“ *I will forever miss you. You made working over in your office so fun. From my heart to your family. Sincere condolences.*

Rhona Cohen - October 10, 2020 at 11:12 AM

KW

“ Betty was so special to me and I am grateful for the time that we worked together. After the merger, I transferred to the Kalamazoo hospital but was able to come back to South Haven occasionally to work at BSH and on those days, I made it a point to go visit Betty. When I would walk into ProHealth, she would immediately greet me with a smile, walk around the corner to open the door and then give me a hug. We always talked about how much fun we had with the old social activities committee, the events we hosted at work (especially our field trip to the casino). Even though I am no longer at the hospital, I still call ProHealth occasionally for my new job. The staff there are amazing but I miss hearing Betty's voice on the line when I call. I'll think of her every time I call to schedule a new hire appointment. My husband Ron also worked with Betty and he thought the world of her. She was just so sweet to everyone that she interacted with! We will both miss her very much. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Kim Wise - October 10, 2020 at 10:38 AM

KH

Betty was always smiling and welcoming when you walked in. She was the best person to work with. She will be missed but I'll see your welcoming smile again. Thankful for you and your life.

Kathie Hautamaki - October 10, 2020 at 12:13 PM

SB

Some lights shine too bright to shine for too long. Sending love.

Sheral Bradley - October 10, 2020 at 01:09 PM

CF

“ Betty was both fire and light in the best kindest way possible. I did not know Betty was sick but have been out of touch since Covid. I wish I would have known! Though I did not know Betty well we worked across the building together and Betty always took the time to say hello, check in to see how I was doing etc. She was a gentle force and she'll be missed greatly. Much love to the family.

Chris flood - October 10, 2020 at 10:30 AM

SW

“ Sorry to hear of Betty's passing. She no longer has to struggle. Thoughts and prayers with the family! 🙏🙏🙏

Sueann Woodhams - October 10, 2020 at 10:03 AM

RB

“ Joel I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Betty was a great person and will be missed by all who knew her.



Rinda Brokus - October 10, 2020 at 08:46 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Betty June Merchant.



October 10, 2020 at 08:37 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty June Merchant.*



October 10, 2020 at 08:18 AM



“ *Judy Rose-Rainey lit a candle in memory of Betty June Merchant*



Judy Rose-Rainey - October 10, 2020 at 07:46 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for your family.*

lori green - October 10, 2020 at 06:26 AM



“ *Betty was sweet and always helpful. A servant & testimony to the Lord Jesus by her excellent conduct and Loving kindness. She would only hope that all of us would come to know Christ as the Lord of our lives and someday join her in heaven. My Heart and love to you Joel, Stacy & Amanda with grands. Peace be still.
¶ And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.
Acts 16:31*

Beth McMurray - October 10, 2020 at 05:53 AM

CH

“ My deepest sympathy to Betty’s Family.
Betty was a great person and will be greatly missed.
She was a good friend and coworker.
The Lord always takes the good ones home to soon it seems. But
just know that she is watching over you all now. With that beautiful
smile and her heavenly wings.
Fly high Betty till we meet again.

Charlotte Harrison - October 10, 2020 at 02:24 AM

DK

“ I am so sad to hear this. What a great co
worker and friend. Betty was loved by
everyone. We had alot of wonderful talks. She
will be missed greatly. Sending prayers to the
family.



Donna Kellum - October 09, 2020 at 10:28 PM

DF

“ We’re so sorry to hear this. Thoughts and prayers to Joel and the
whole family. She was a very sweet, kind, friendly woman.

Doug and Stacy Ferris - October 09, 2020 at 09:31 PM

MG

“ My prayer and thought for Joel and family .
Betty was amazing friend and co-worker. I worked in the office with her for a few years she was a amazing co-worker and everyone in the office (staff and patients) loved her . When she was on vacation and I had to answer phones and companies would call and only want to talk to Betty (LoL) She was amazing at what she did. She was the rock that held that office together for many many years ... and she is going to be greatly missed by South Haven !
As a friend she was fun and loving !
We would share stories about our grandkids ! And when South Haven meijer opened we would do our mperks together and compare which saving we each got lol..... and we would both give each other heads up on the clearance items
I will miss her deeply .
If there is anything I can do for the family please each out.

Michaela Greydanus - October 09, 2020 at 08:51 PM

BM

Good memories there with the Both of you, Kevin and our Doc

Beth McMurray - October 10, 2020 at 05:56 AM

WG

“ I am so sad to hear this. I have known Betty since Junior High. She was a great friend. Condolences to the family.

Wendy Green - October 09, 2020 at 08:38 PM

DB

“ Prays to the family she was a very nice lady and will be missed by many. May God give you peace.

Don and Shirley Brown - October 09, 2020 at 08:31 PM

CL

“ Aunt Betty, it's so hard to believe your gone. You will be dearly missed and were loved by so many. I will hold on to the memories and cherish them. My prayers and thoughts go out to the rest of the family.

Christy Locatis - October 09, 2020 at 03:58 PM

TC

“ I have known Betty from going to Shoreline for dot testing. She was always so pleasant and I really enjoyed talking with her. If I had a problem getting a driver tested she was always willing to go the extra mile to help out. I always looked forward to talking with her when I went in. She will be very much missed. My prayers are with her family. Tina Campbell

Tina Campbell - October 09, 2020 at 03:55 PM

HC

So very sorry to our neighbors for the loss of a special lady! She was such a great person for all she did for her family and community! Prayers go out to the whole family!

Harry/Jan Chestnut - October 09, 2020 at 10:23 PM