



## Beverly J. McLarty

November 6, 1927 - January 20, 2015

Beverly J. McLarty

age 87

of Bangor

Passed away Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at White Oaks Retirement Residence, Lawton. Bev was born November 6, 1927 in South Haven, the daughter of Franklin and Ragnhild (Holmquist) DeCook and has lived the majority of her life in the Bangor area. She was school librarian at Bangor Public Schools and was on the board of the Van Buren County Library Association, was a member of the Bangor Historical Society and helped with the Book of Bangor. She was a member of the Benevolence Chapter 256 Lawrence O.E.S., the Simpson United Methodist Church, MARSP, and was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Bev was also a Michigan Delegate for the Republican Party, and served on many committees for the City of Bangor. She loved to make quilts and White Oaks will be continuing their quilting program that Bev started.

She is survived by her 4 children, Rhonda (Ty) Gregory of Elkhart, IN, Victor Burlingame of Ft. Myers, FL, Jill (Scott) Kempinski of Bangor, Nancy (Dan) Grabovac of Bangor; 9 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Gloria DeCook of Ft. Wayne, IN; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Robert Burlingame; second husband, James McLarty.

The family will meet friends from 10-12 noon Saturday, January 24, 2015 at

the Simpson United Methodist Church, 507 Joy Street, Bangor, where the funeral service will be at 12:00 noon, with Pastor Thomas Davenport officiating. Interment will follow in the spring at Arlington Hill Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be made to the Simpson United Methodist Church. Arrangements by the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington Hill Cemetery

56838 - 28th Avenue  
Bangor, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 24. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Simpson United Methodist Church  
507 Joy Street  
Bangor, MI

## Service

JAN 24. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RM

“ I thought of Beverly when I was at my cottage last week on Scott Lake. She knew its history and how to take care of it. Rich Majko

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**Richard Majko** - April 29, 2017 at 04:55 PM

RM

“ Cub Scouts, the library, the church, or just stopping by the house after little league practice. I left Bangor in 1969 but have lots of memories there. I'm so sorry to here this news, especially so late. Richard Miller ... Mom, Dad, John & Jim... Bob and I are the only Bangor Millers left!

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**richard miller** - January 29, 2015 at 02:48 PM

ES

“ Rest in Peace Mrs. McLarty.

*Eric Smith*

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**Eric Smith** - January 29, 2015 at 01:41 PM



“ To Rhonda and Victor and family,  
Your mom had a servants heart. I remember her as one who cared about others. You would always find your mom making pies, serving meals, and kitchen duty at the church whenever needed. She opened her home for our family to spend a few nights when we were in town, and also the cottage by the lake. Very wonderful memories of a woman who contributed to her community, loved her family, and loved to talk about the Lord in her life. I will miss her. I pray you will have peace and strength from the Lord as you go through this difficult time.

Love,  
Francie Schoepke

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**Frances Burlingame Schoepke** - January 27, 2015 at 07:45 PM



Thank you Francie! Mom was so happy to see you last year. Love you!

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**Rhonda Burlingame** - January 27, 2015 at 09:18 PM

CR

“ To the McLarty Family,  
Your mom was a wonderful member of the Bangor Community, always there to lend a helping hand. She and my mom used to come to the Catholic church to help the Bangor Lions Club make pies every year for the Apple Festival. She was always smiling and always had a warm smile, and a kind word. God Bless all of you in your time of sorrow.  
Chris

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**Chris Rigozzi** - January 27, 2015 at 10:35 AM



*Thank you for your kind words. Mom sure did love to peel those apples!*

**Rhonda Burlingame** - January 27, 2015 at 09:17 PM

JD

“ *Jean Dziubinski lit a candle in memory of Beverly J. McLarty*



**Jean Dziubinski** - January 26, 2015 at 03:13 PM

BR

“ *Rhonda, Jill, and Nancy. I am so sorry for your loss. She was a beautiful person.*

*I am so sorry I was not able to attend the visitation or funeral...please forgive me.*

*My thoughts are with you all.*

*Love*

*Brenda B*

**Brenda** - January 26, 2015 at 11:14 AM



*Thank you Brenda.*

**Rhonda Burlingame** - January 27, 2015 at 08:53 PM

BD

“ Ahhh. Aunt Bev’s basement. The wonderful times Rhonda, my brother and I had down there. It was a Monster’s Inc., Monster’s University kind of place. My brother would chase Rhonda and I around with that darn toy vacuum and lawnmower. We would scream and go running upstairs. Like Bart Simpson sticking his finger into the wall outlet over and over again saying “ouch”, we would be drawn back downstairs to have him scare us again and again. We loved it and soon we graduated and it became our turn to scare others. If we ever got a little too crazy Aunt Bev would give us “the look”! You did not want to get “the look” as then you knew someone or everyone was in trouble. Good times! Rest in peace Aunt Bev. Sorry I can’t make it there but my thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Love,

*Brian Dziubinski*

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**Brian Dziubinski** - January 24, 2015 at 11:53 AM



You are awesome! Thank you for the story, I love it! I still have the vacuum! Love you!

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**Rhonda Burlingame** - January 27, 2015 at 08:55 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beverly J. McLarty.



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January 24, 2015 at 06:19 AM



“ *Cup of Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beverly J. McLarty.*



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January 23, 2015 at 05:40 PM



“ *Rhonda and family,  
My mom and I are so sad to hear about your mom's passing. She was such a wonderful person, always smiling, always friendly. She was so good to me when I was in school and after when I would run into her she always wanted to know how I was doing and what I was up to. Since I don't live in the area any more I missed see her, but would ask my mom about Bev from time to time. I'm sure you will miss her deeply, but remember she loved you dearly. She will always be in your heart.*

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**Suzie (Ghidotti) Traudt & Joan Ghidotti** - January 23, 2015 at 02:03 PM



*Thank you Suzie & Joan!*

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**Rhonda Burlingame** - January 27, 2015 at 08:56 PM



“ *The last time I saw Mrs McLarty was at the Legion. She was so full of smiles and life in her eyes. Just like this picture. I will always remember the special relationship her and my mother shared as they chatted on the telephone often. Now they are together chatting up a storm about their kids and grandkids. Blessing to the family.*

*Luann Harden*

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**luann Harden** - January 22, 2015 at 07:37 PM



*Luann, Thank you! She was so excited that day she called me as soon as she got home! Thank you for sharing your story.*

**Rhonda Burlingame** - January 27, 2015 at 08:58 PM

DS

*“ I am so sad to hear of the loss of Aunt Bev. She was a warm, kind, and wise woman. She was also a generous woman who always opened her heart and her home to me. I have so many wonderful memories of Aunt Bev, from her encouraging my love of reading when I was a very young, precocious child, to a “family” vacation with her, Uncle Jim and Rhonda. I treasure all that Aunt Bev taught me throughout my life. I still use the lessons she taught me with my children and my patients. Rhonda, I am sorry I can't be there with you as you celebrate your mother's life, but please remember the love that she gave to others, the wisdom that she imparted, and her smile will always live on. Diane Simmons*

**Diane Simmons** - January 22, 2015 at 07:30 PM



*She loved you so very much! Thank you for your wonderful thoughts.*

**Rhonda Burlingame** - January 27, 2015 at 09:03 PM

ED

*“ Ed And Vicky Dziubinski lit a candle in memory of Beverly J. McLarty*



**Ed and Vicky Dziubinski** - January 22, 2015 at 05:16 PM

ED

“ Being around "Aunt Bev" was always a fun filled day. I had so many weekend days that were spent over at her house with my brother and Rhonda always seeming to find a way to get into harmless trouble one way or another. She had the best house right next the park where we could run wild till the street lights came on, our signal to come on back. Aunt Bev always had a kind word and simple guidance for life that seemed to make the day even better. She always found a way to put a smile on my face and I still wear it to this day.

*Love you and miss you.*

*Eddie Dziubinski*

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**Ed Dziubinski** - January 22, 2015 at 05:05 PM



*Thank you Eddie & Vicki! So many memories, so much love. She loved seeing your pictures & boy would that start with the stories! Love you!*

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**Rhonda Burlingame** - January 27, 2015 at 09:06 PM

CF

“ So sorry to hear of Bev's passing. We have many wonderful memories of her as a neighbor and church member. She loved being involved in all aspects of life. That was her mission in life. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Sorry we can't be there to celebrate her life with you. She will be missed.

*Chuck and Norma French*

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**Chuck French** - January 22, 2015 at 11:57 AM



*Thank you Chuck & Norma. You were missed Saturday. I hope we can celebrate her life together this Spring.*

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**Rhonda Burlingame** - January 27, 2015 at 09:07 PM

TG

“ Where do I begin, Bev toughed so many lives with her gently ways and thoughtfulness. She was always smiling no matter the pain. We have many great memories of her and keep all of you in our prayers. Terry and Corky Glidden.

Terry and Corky Glidden - January 22, 2015 at 11:35 AM



Thank you Terry & Corky.

Rhonda Burlingame - January 27, 2015 at 09:09 PM

RO

“ Robin lit a candle in memory of Beverly J. McLarty



Robin - January 22, 2015 at 10:51 AM

JD

“ I am sorry to know that Bev has now left this world and joined her family in heaven. Many times as I work on a quilt I think of Bev. We had fun going thru her notebook of pictures and ideas on quilts. I have many memories considering our family ties and just know my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Janice Dziubinski - January 22, 2015 at 10:48 AM



Thank you Aunt Jan. Love you with all my heart.

Rhonda Burlingame - January 27, 2015 at 09:10 PM

JF

“ *Jan Dziubinski and family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Beverly J. McLarty.*



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**Jan Dziubinski and family** - January 22, 2015 at 10:44 AM

RR

“ *So Sorry for your loss.  
Van Buren County Republican Party*

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**Rose Rook** - January 22, 2015 at 10:35 AM

MM

“ *Bev & Jim were very involved people in the community. She continued to contribute after Jim's death with her support of the library and other worthy causes. She will be missed as she was a great lady. Mick & Mary Ann Middaugh, Paw Paw*

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**Mick & Mary Ann Middaugh** - January 22, 2015 at 08:15 AM



*Thank you for your kind words. -Rhonda Burlingame*

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**Rhonda Burlingame** - January 27, 2015 at 09:15 PM

SH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Bev's family, she was a great lady.  
Sue and WayneHammond*

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**Sue Hammond** - January 22, 2015 at 07:07 AM

JW

“ Am so sorry to hear of Bev's passing! I used to really enjoy meeting Jim & Bev for our lunches and think of Jim often. Now Bev has joined him and I'm sorry that we've lost her, but smile at the thought of them being together again. Jill & Nancy - Bev just adored you two and your families! I hope you know how important you were to her as she thought the world of you. I'm so sorry for your loss & will be thinking of you all!



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**Judy Wiley** - January 21, 2015 at 09:29 PM

GB

“ I remember when I first met Bev she told me to call her mom I was dating her son victor for about 8 years I loved her and. She loved me and my daughter Leanna like her own children I loved visiting her when she came. To Venice fla every winter we had good times and will miss her I am so sorry for everyone's loss

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**gloria bernauer** - January 21, 2015 at 07:16 PM



Thank you Gloria.

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**Rhonda Burlingame** - January 27, 2015 at 09:12 PM

KB

“ My dear friend Ronda (and family), I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was very special to me. I remember her watching me after my mother passed. I will treasure those memories forever. She was an amazing lady and Rhonda.... you are full of wit and sassiness just like her. Love you!!!

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**Kelly McNary Bakr** - January 21, 2015 at 06:25 PM



*Thank you little sister. Love you!*

**Rhonda Burlingame** - January 27, 2015 at 09:12 PM

RD

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Bev was a fine lady.*

**Rick Dillman** - January 21, 2015 at 05:39 PM

KR

“ *Deepest condolences to the family..... I remember being an aide in the library, she always treated us so good. I thought alot of her during my school years, and thinking of her will always bring a smile to my face.*

*Kim Roe-Kester  
Class of 1975*

**Kim M Roe-Kester** - January 21, 2015 at 04:45 PM



*Thank you Kim.*

**Rhonda Burlingame** - January 27, 2015 at 09:13 PM

PH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Bev's family.*

*With deepest sympathy, Patti & Ron Henry*

**Pat Henry** - January 21, 2015 at 04:42 PM

DF

“ *God Bless Aunt Bev! She is now celebrating meeting Jesus, with a host of family and friends. I can only imagine the reunion with her parents, Uncle Bob, and Uncle Jim. Bev shared her love with so many of us...what a blessing.*

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**Diane Freestone** - January 21, 2015 at 03:19 PM



*Thank you Diane! Love you!*

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**Rhonda Burlingame** - January 27, 2015 at 09:14 PM