



## Betty Wilkins

January 20, 1932 - February 19, 2021

Betty Claire Wilkins, age 89, of Royal Oak, was born on January 20, 1932 and passed on February 19, 2021, surrounded by her loving family.

Betty grew up on the New Jersey shore and was a true "Jersey Girl"! She graduated from Long Branch High School in 1949. Betty met Richard Max Wilkins while he was serving in the United States Coast Guard at Sandy Hook, N.J. They married on June 16, 1951, starting their family in New Jersey and later moving to Michigan. Betty also started nursing school in New Jersey but switched to elementary education years later as her children grew older. She obtained a Bachelor's degree and an elementary teaching certificate. She then pursued a Master's degree in elementary education. She earned both degrees from Oakland University.

Betty was a devoted and respected elementary school teacher in Troy, MI for 27 years. She loved her children, grandsons, and great-grandsons very much. She was a constant force in all their lives. Betty was also very humorous, caring, and extremely generous to all who knew her. She is now and always will be very much missed by her friends and family.

Betty is survived by her children: Richard B. Wilkins of Troy, MI, and Diane (Gary) Hawkins of Goodrich, MI; her grandchildren: Cody (Christine) Hawkins and Max (Megan) Hawkins; and her great-grandsons: Mason, Ryan, and

Jacob. She was predeceased by her husband, Richard M. Wilkins, and her parents, Jesse B. and Dula Burcham.

A graveside memorial service and inurnment will take place on Friday, February 26, at 11:00 a.m. at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery in Troy, MI.

Memorial contributions to the Multiple Sclerosis Society and American Cancer Society are appreciated.

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery  
621 W. Long Lake Road  
Troy, MI 48098

# Tribute Wall



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Betty Wilkins.* ”



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