



## Betty Jean Yoder

February 19, 1940 - December 24, 2010

Betty Jean Yoder

70, died Friday, December 24, 2010, at Port Huron Hospital. She has lived in Capac the last 5 years and previous 30 years in Almont.

She was born Monday, February 19, 1940, in Lapeer the daughter of the late Howard L. and Doris Bolton Smith.

Her marriage to Ronald Yoder was July 21, 1962, in Capac.

Betty attended Deerfield Church of Christ, Lapeer where she played the viola, piano and organ. She was an organist at the age of 13 at a Methodist church. She shared her musical talents by teaching music in public and private schools and often assembled recitals for her private piano students. She was a classical pianist and was involved in band directing. Betty taught education to people in a group home in Imlay City.

Betty helped run Ron Yoder Orchards in Almont and showed her love of dogs by raising shih tzu-pekingese mix to sell. She was a faithful Christian who loved the Lord and was "the sweetest, most tender hearted of persons".

Surviving in addition to her husband Ronald of 48 years are three children, Doreen (Dave) Mueller of Clinton Township, Paul (Camille) Yoder of Almont and Suzanne (Nathan) Dunn of Florida; eight grandchildren, Betty Lew, Jason, Adam, Mary and Joshua Yoder, and Natalie, Alexander and Isaac Dunn; sister, Carol Loree of Arizona; sister-in-law, Nancy Smith of Virginia; daughter-in-law, Tricia Yoder-Schank and several nieces, nephews and many friends. She is preceded in death by a son, Mark Yoder (2001), an infant grandchild,

Stephen Yoder (1999), and her brother, Richard Smith (2007).

Her family honors the memory of Betty and invites you to visit and share memories Wednesday 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Capac. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday with 10:00 a.m. visiting. Brother Spencer Shelton of Deerfield Church of Christ, Lapeer, will officiate. Burial will be in Hough Cemetery, Almont.

Memorials are suggested to "The Betty Yoder Music Scholarship Fund" or Deerfield Church of Christ, Lapeer.

For information and Guest Book  
[kaatzfunerals.com](http://kaatzfunerals.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kaatz Funeral Directors - Capac  
202 N. Main Street  
Capac, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ To all the Yoder family; my family Peter Rainey and myself Steve all send our prayers and thoughts to you. We just learned of your mom's passing and I am so sorry to hear about that. She was and still is a great woman and you can rest for sure she is singing and playing her music before our Heavenly Father. Blessings to all of you and our prayers will continue.##imported-begin##Stephen Nortier##imported-end##

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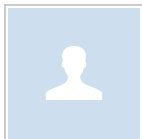
January 07, 2011 at 09:58 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Suzanne, I love you like a sister and and deeply sorry about your mom. Our prayers are with your whole family.##imported-begin##Shari and Keith Duckworth##imported-end##

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January 03, 2011 at 05:50 PM



“ I miss you Mom. Always. You were a living blessing to all.##imported-begin##Doreen Yoder Mueller##imported-end##

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January 01, 2011 at 06:37 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I went to church in Romeo with Betty many years ago. Even as a young person, I was impressed with the sense of peace she always sent out.##imported-begin##John Super##imported-end##

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“ *My prayers go out to all the family of Betty. This is a very hard time but remember that she loved everyone very much and she is looking down at you proudly.*

*Paul Schoonover*##imported-begin##*Paul Schoonover*##imported-end##

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December 28, 2010 at 04:12 PM



“ *Aunt Betty was the sweetest person and very loving. I wish I could attend the service, but unfortunately cannot. We love you and will miss you dearly!*##imported-begin##*Lisa Loree Juarez*##imported-end##

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December 28, 2010 at 11:12 AM



“ *All of your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*##imported-begin##*Clovis & Jeanette Parsley*##imported-end##

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