



Martha E. Byrne

October 6, 1925 - August 15, 2008

Surrounded by her loving family, and her adoptive family at Annie's Nest, Martha Ellen Byrne peacefully passed on to her new life August 15, 2008.

Martha was born to George and Effie Butler on October 6, 1925 in Detroit and spent her summers in Lakeport, Mi. She graduated from St. David's High School in Detroit and worked as a dental assistant.

Martha married William Andrew Byrne on June 9, 1948 at Assumption Grotto Church in Detroit. Martha and Bill passed on to their seven children a love of the outdoors, a passion for social justice, and the belief that humor is a gift that keeps on giving. She is remembered by her family as a passionate civil rights activist, hospice and hospital volunteer, youth counselor, accomplished artist, licensed EMT, and a pioneer in recycling.

Martha is survived by her children, Kathleen (Ron) McConnell, Maureen Byrne (Ed Antosz), Patrick (Lili) Byrne, Mary (Dick) Gertz, Martha (Dan) McDonald, John Byrne (Shelley Neumann) and her grandchildren Jeff (Kristen) McConnell, David (Vanessa) McConnell, Bridget (John) Magel, Aaron (Kathryn) Piziali, Paul (Sarah) Byrne, Kara (Orion) McDonald-Young, Brian McDonald, Caitlin, Richard and Becca Gertz, and her six great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, and her son William Patrick. Martha inspired those around her with her great attitude on how to deal with life's many challenges. She will always be remembered as Martha the Magic Mother to us. Her spirit will live on remembering this advice that was often given: "Remember to always take a deep breath and count to ten". Live it up baby! Memorials to Annie's Nest or Blue Water Hospice.

Graveside memorial service Thursday, 1 PM at Holy Cross Cemetery, Alpena

Comments



“ Farewell to a dutiful grandmother. She tasted not the bread of idleness.

Jeff McConnell - October 27, 2009 at 10:00 AM



“ My fondest memories of Mrs. Byrne-
Her determination to teach me how to camp and like it.
How she got Maureen and I around town in record time, with her two feet gas, brake driving skills. She will always have a special place in my heart.
Love,
Marilyn

Marilyn - October 27, 2009 at 10:00 AM



“ Dear Byrne Family, I would like to extend my sincere condolences to each of you. Although we are not acquainted personally, we share the pain of losing a dear loved one in death. A key to enduring your loss is knowing that the Bible teaches that "there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous" (Acts 24;15), our loved ones sleeping in the grave will soon come forth and have the opportunity to live forever under peaceful conditions right on earth. (John 5;28,29; Rev. 21;3,4; Psalm 83;18) While grief at the loss of Martha is great, joy at receiving Martha in the resurrection will be greater. (Mark 5;42) Please read God's comforting thoughts and may you find peace in his loving promise of the resurrection during this difficult time and the days to come. Take care,

valerie thompson - October 27, 2009 at 10:00 AM



“ We'll miss Grandma, but will honor her memory by being ready to help our opponents in Trivial Pursuit with any questions they are struggling with.

Kristen McConnell - October 27, 2009 at 10:00 AM