



Toots Rita Ann Burkhart

May 12, 1935 - March 22, 2025

Toots Burkhart of Kalkaska, 89 years young, went home to be with her Lord on March 22, 2025, at 10:45 pm. Her family had gathered that day to say their last goodbyes and that evening she passed peacefully with her granddaughter by her side.

Toots was the mother of two children: Rich Burkhart (Nancy Gall) of Kalkaska and daughter Julie Burkhart Deater (Dan Deater) of Alden.

Toots was "Grams" grandma of six: Greg Burkhart, Trish Ascione, Stacey Stites, Randy Patton, Dana Peterson, Daniel Deater. She was great grandma of seven: Courtney, Chloe, Liberty, Leighanna, Harper. Kendra, Gavin, Roland, and Graham, and great-great grandma of Mary Kay and Madison.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard F. "Dick" Burkhart, her mom and dad William and Rita Locke, and mother-in-law Jenny Steffey.

Toots was full of life. She loved adventures and she was always on the go. Her one request for her funeral was to have the song "On the Road Again" playing. She loved to go camping and took her grandkids with her as much as she could. She also loved music and dancing. She was still dancing at 89 years old. She was a baker by trade. She baked for Anchor Bay School and Kalkaska School. She also baked for everyone else!! Her favorite saying when asked, "How are you?" was, "Crabby as ever!" Her favorite saying for her grandkids was, "I love you a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck." She was the monarch of the family and will be missed very much.

Visitation for Toots Burkhart will be Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 2-5 p.m.

Interment will be later in the Spring on May 31, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. in the Evergreen Cemetery, Kalkaska, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Aspen Ridge Retirement Village, 1261 Village Parkway, Gaylord, Michigan 49735 in Toots Burkhart's name.

Arrangements are being provided by the Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Kalkaska, MI 49646

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **12**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Brenda, Larry & Kayla & Bob Klanow purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Toots Rita Ann Burkhart.* ”



Brenda, Larry & Kayla & Bob Klanow - April 10, 2025 at 08:35 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Toots Rita Ann Burkhart.* ”



April 09, 2025 at 04:17 PM

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“ *Toots made the best Long Island Ice tea! Love to play Hand and Foot. Toots was really a great player. I will miss her beautiful smile. Rest in peace my dear friend 🥺* ”

Elaine O'Brien - March 25, 2025 at 02:43 PM

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Yes she did! She got me turned on to them!! 💕💕💕

Brenda Liggett Klanow - March 26, 2025 at 07:37 PM



“ *Love and hugs to you Aunt Toots!! Sure am going to miss your smile!* ”

Karyn Borsuk - March 24, 2025 at 04:58 PM