



Betty Copenhagen

February 7, 1945 - May 4, 2025

Betty Copenhagen, age 80 of Bad Axe, passed away at sunrise on Sunday, May 4, 2025.

She was born on February 7, 1945 in St. Clair, Michigan, daughter of the late Edwin and Clara (Goethals) Distelrath. She married Robert Copenhagen on October 9, 1965.

Betty bowled for years with the neighborhood ladies on the Ladies League. She enjoyed being a 4-H leader and loved teaching sewing, crocheting and crafts to young 4-H'ers.

Betty was very proud to be the afternoon cook at Scheurer Hospital. She worked there for 13 years before she retired. After retirement she loved spending time with her little buddy and companion, her dog Bandit. What she enjoyed most in life was spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Betty is survived by her husband, Robert Copenhagen of Bad Axe, her children, Dawn (Jerry) Carbeno, Pamela (Kurt) Bechler, Dean (Lorie) Copenhagen, and Steven Copenhagen all of Bad Axe. Grandchildren, Ryan Rowley, Hope Rowley, Autumn Carbeno, Rachel (Tyler) Cathel, Heather (Scott) Miller, Stephanie Bechler, Kegan Copenhagen, Delilah Copenhagen,

Amanda Copenhagen, Amber Copenhagen, and her honorary grandchildren Nomtje and Majka. Great-grandchildren, Afreya Griffin, Emmitt Miller, Hudson Terrill and Olivia Cathel and siblings Judy Lashbrook and Larry Distelrath.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edwin and Clara Distelrath. Siblings, Leonard Distelrath, Barbara Jean Duchene, and Donna Kowolski.

Celebration of life will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 1 pm at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Rapson. Visitation will be held on Thursday May 8, 2025 from 11 am until the time of service at 1 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Church Cemetery

Rapson, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Kaufman & Co. Funeral Home, Inc.
84 Westland Dr
Bad Axe, MI 48413
(989) 269-3000
kaufmanfuneralhome@gmail.com

Funeral Service

MAY 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kaufman & Co. Funeral Home, Inc.
84 Westland Dr
Bad Axe, MI 48413
(989) 269-3000
kaufmanfuneralhome@gmail.com

Tribute Wall

NC

“ So sorry to hear of Betty passing. I had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know Betty as her driver transporting her a few times a week for her appointments. She always got on my bus with a smile even though it was 6am. It would make my day because she told me I was her favorite driver and that I made her feel safe. She would share stories of her past and always asked about my daughters and their horses. She probably knew I purposely took the long way to town so I could talk to her longer. With my new job I was fortunate to see her at CM once a week to say hello. She was a wonderful woman and your entire family are in my prayers.
Nathan Campbell

Nathan Campbell - May 08, 2025 at 09:08 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Copenhagen.



May 06, 2025 at 08:27 PM

DS

“ Betty graduated from holy Cross high School in Marine City in 1962 she was one of 48 students that graduated in that year and I was one of them, I was Dianne Endres then, I lost track of her until now I am so sorry to her family children grandchildren great-grandchildren for their loss.

Dianne Endres Sharp - May 06, 2025 at 07:29 PM

MS

“ Mick And Marge Schott lit a candle in memory of Betty Copenhagen



Mick and Marge Schott - May 05, 2025 at 08:48 PM

AS

“ Condolences to the family! Oh how I loved being in the 4H club! She came up with some cute crafts to during the meetings! Thoughts and prayers to the family during this difficult time!



Amy Jo Sageman - May 05, 2025 at 06:37 PM

SF

“ Shevawn Distelrath amd Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Betty Copenhagen.



Shevawn Distelrath amd Family - May 05, 2025 at 03:40 PM