



Gloria Ann Belew

August 19, 1935 - November 1, 2020

Gloria Ann Belew , age 85, passed away at her home following a courageous battle with cancer. She was born August 19, 1935 in Pinnebog, Michigan. She was the daughter of the late Alexander and Ethel Eliza (Hall) Stirrett.

Gloria Ann Stirrett married her high school sweetheart John Allen Belew , on July 3, 1954, at the First Presbyterian Church in Bad Axe. They were married 66 years, and were still in love yet today.

Gloria was a 1953 Graduate of Bad Axe High School. When she was in the eleventh grade she started working for Michigan Bell as a telephone operator, and eventually worked her way up to a supervisor, transferring to the Saginaw office, retiring in the mid 80's. She later worked for Citizens Federal Savings and Loan, and North Star Bank. Gloria was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Bad Axe, a member of Colfax Township Election Board, and helped with township assessorship.

Glo enjoyed garage sales, thrift store shopping, making Halloween costumes, Tiger baseball, walking, flower gardening and yardwork. She had a heart of gold and was a super woman. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy. She was called "Grandma Belew" by many.

She was survived by her husband John, 3 Daughters: Kim (Larry) Brown, and Pam Belew, all of Bad Axe, and Robin (Murray) Beachy, Pigeon, 1 Son; Kurt Allen Belew, Bad Axe, 9 grandchildren Ryan, Brandon (Alyssa), Nich (Bree), Brody (Shawna), Tyler (Tammy), Jesse (Bailee), Bailee (Max), Christy, and Amanda, 9 great grandchildren, Miles, Maddie, Ramsey, Brentley, Lainee,

Baker, Brooks, Rocky, and Findley. And a Brother-in-law Eugene Alent, Bad Axe.

She was preceded in death by 4 brothers Milford, Archie, Robert, and Max Stirrett, and 5 sisters; Vera Broomfield, Dorothy Nugent, Jane Kloska, Lois McDowell, and Floy Alent.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at the Bad Axe First Presbyterian Church on Saturday November 7, 2020 at 1 p. m. with Rev. Scott McDermand, officiating. Burial will be at Colfax Township Cemetery. Visitation will be on Saturday at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 1 pm.

Donations can be made to Compassus Hospice, First Presbyterian Church, Bad Axe or Thumb Industries.

Kaufman Funeral Home of Bad Axe has been entrusted with handling her arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Colfax Township

Bad Axe, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bad Axe First Presbyterian Church
112 Woodworth St.
Bad Axe, MI

Memorial Service

NOV 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bad Axe First Presbyterian Church
112 Woodworth St.
Bad Axe, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Gloria Ann Belew*

January 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ *Karen Essenmacher Snider lit a candle in memory of Gloria Ann Belew*



Karen Essenmacher Snider - December 15, 2020 at 06:33 AM



“ *Wonderful tributes for a very special person. Aunt Gloria was an awesome role model. I was very blessed to be part of the Stirrett clan. Her kind, caring, compassionate nature and smile were her hallmarks. I have many fond memories of our family gatherings and Aunt Gloria was a significant part. I remember the special trio of sisters (Gloria,Floy,Lois) Serenading me and speaking “PigLatin” . My family appreciates all she has done for us over the past years. May God grant grace to the Belew family. COVID has made it difficult to be present in this difficult time. Love to all, Sue Karen*

sue king - November 07, 2020 at 07:59 PM

GB

“ Our deepest condolences to the Belew family. My father Charles Benda worked for Pigeon Telephone Company in Pigeon, Michigan. Gloria worked in Bad Axe at the Michigan Bell Office along with Art Rook. They all became friends. John and Gloria took myself and my parents to see Johnny Cash in concert at the Saginaw Civic Center in 1974. A memory that I will cherish forever. The Belew family visited with my family at our family farm by Gotts Corner. We all had some fun times together. Gloria will be deeply missed. She had a heart of gold. John, Kim, Pam, Kurt & Robin you are all in our prayers. May God comfort you in this difficult time. Gregg and Betsy Benda Pigeon, Michigan.



Gregg Benda - November 06, 2020 at 03:22 PM

DL

“ I will miss your smiling face and our small chats in passing during our past walks. Your smile brightened my day. Appreciated your sweet, smiling & friendly self! You were a very sweet woman!

Dee Leonard - November 05, 2020 at 08:19 AM

BM

“ Gloria was my friend for many years. We worked together in the late 60's for over 10 years. She was a wonderful woman and mentor to me even years after as I would run into her at times over the years. Always smiling and upbeat and such a good mom to her family.

My sincere condolences to John and family. She will be missed by all.

Barb MacEachin

Barbara J. MacEachin - November 04, 2020 at 12:41 PM

RC

“Gloria was a beautiful lady. Always giving of herself, loved children and always had a smile. We loved her at DSS as foster mother. I will miss her dearly. Heaven has surely gained a loving angel. She was also my Uncle Archie Stirrett's sister.

Pam and the rest of the family, I am so sorry of your loss. Praying for comfort and peace.

Randie and Ron Clark

Randie Clark - November 03, 2020 at 09:00 PM

KE

“My condolences to the family. I worked with Gloria at Citizens Federal and she was the sweetest most down to earth person I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Heaven has gained a bright star.

Karen Etzler - November 03, 2020 at 08:18 PM

DK

“Dee Koehn lit a candle in memory of Gloria Ann Belew



Dee Koehn - November 02, 2020 at 09:55 PM

DK

“ My condolences to the Belew family. I've knew Mrs. Belew as a child, grew up knowing her then had the pleasure of her knowing my children and them knowing her as adults. She was just full of love always smiling and took the time to stop and talk... She used to be at so many school events she was so many kids' Gramma Belew. Sure was an honor to have known her a great lady. Heaven sure gained a beautiful angel.

Dee Koehn - November 02, 2020 at 09:54 PM

LK

“ My favorite memories of Gloria, John, Kim, Pam, Kurt & Robin are too numerous to share. They were the best neighbors in the world and Gloria was like a “second mom” to me growing up. Since leaving Michigan, it was always a special visit to BA when I could visit with Gloria and the rest of the family and all the wee ones under their wing! 🦋
This is such sad news. Our condolences to the Belew family and friends — hugs to you all. So wish I could be there with you.
❤️ Love, Linda Kelly and family— Kelly & Lewis

Linda Kelly - November 02, 2020 at 09:15 PM

CW

*The Below family:
My condolences to everyone. May the memories you created as a family help you thru this difficult time.
I went to high school with Pam and Kurt.
Carol Schmitt Wotta*

Carol Schmitt Wotta - November 02, 2020 at 10:37 PM

LS

“ My deepest sympathy for Gloria's entire family. She was an absolutely amazing woman and loved by many. I'll always remember her incredibly friendly demeanor and genuine kindness. Every single time that I would see her, regardless of where I was, she made a point to say hello and ask about my life. A tremendously wonderful individual.

Linda Shisler

Linda Shisler - November 02, 2020 at 09:08 PM

KH

“ Our condolences to the Belew family. Gloria was such a nice, thoughtful and caring person. Always enjoyed visiting with her at school sports events over the years. She will be missed by so many people in this community. Cherish all the memories you have as a family.

Duey and Karen Holz

Karen Holz - November 02, 2020 at 05:35 PM

LK

“ My deepest sympathies to the entire Belew family . Gloria was always the friendliest and happiest person I knew . Cherish all the wonderful memories.

Lori (Hind) Koch

Lori J Koch - November 02, 2020 at 02:59 PM

GM

“ Sending our sympathy to Gloria's family...My father, Art Rook, worked with her many years ago at the Michigan Bell Office in Bad Axe.. .She truly was a gem. May God wrap His arms of love and peace around her family....Great seeing this smiling picture of her!!

Gordon and Anita Mueller - November 02, 2020 at 02:48 PM

SM

“ Gloria and I were the best of friends through BAHS. We also worked at MBT together, many times overnight, then to the Bean Pot for breakfast! Such a fine person-she will be missed by many. My condolences to John and Gloria's family

shirley maclean - November 02, 2020 at 02:25 PM

BG

“ I am so sorry to read this! Gloria was a kind, wonderful person who always had that warm, beautiful smile ready for everyone she met. She was an incredibly hard worker and an inspiration to many. My condolences to John and their family. RIP.

Bridget Glasgow - November 02, 2020 at 02:09 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria Ann Belew.



November 02, 2020 at 02:05 PM

GW

“ Aunt Gloria was the best. Always there with a smile on her face. Love this picture of her, its how I will always remember her. The last of the Stirrett siblings to pass. Now the family is all together again. What a legacy the Stirrett family has left. I feel very blessed to be a part of it.

Gail L Wilcox - November 02, 2020 at 01:59 PM

LG

“ Death is the most difficult good by of all. Aunt Gloria was the the best! You felt her love and joy and if you grew up around her, you surely could sing 'Take Me Out to the Ballgame'! A great loss indeed.

Lou Ann Broomfield Gay

Lou Ann Gay - November 02, 2020 at 01:37 PM

MN

“ R.I.P Gloria - Greatly admired for her kindness, strength, wit, creativity and love. I will never forget the times she helped me out, never wanting anything in return and always with a smile. Everyone in Bad Axe loved her. Sorry for your family's loss. HUGS!

MaryAnne NeyCarder - November 02, 2020 at 01:29 PM

VE

“ Such a WONDERFUL person. Was a JOY to ALL . The BEST AUNT to so many nieces & nephews. Always had a smile & hug for you. For many years she held the STIRRETT family together as we went through many family losses. WE LOVE YOU and will MISS You. so much. Vera Stirrett Stewart

Vera - November 02, 2020 at 12:45 PM

DM

“ Thoughts and prayers with your family. Mrs. Belew was such a great lady! I use to visit her upstairs in the Bell building when the operators were there. Always had a smile on her face.
Debi Madore (Thygesen)

Debi Madore - November 02, 2020 at 12:44 PM

AS

“ Heaven received another beautiful Angel 🙋! Thoughts and prayers to the family!

Amy & Isiah Sageman - November 02, 2020 at 12:31 PM

MA

Prayers to the entire family!! She was a very kind hearted lady. God 🙏 bless you

Mark - November 02, 2020 at 07:00 PM

DG

“ Gloria was such a Stoic individual. Such a positive selfless person in all aspects of her life. She came from the hard working Stirrett family and Gloria carried on that Stirrett family trait of never shied away from hard work.
--Dave Gay

David Gay - November 02, 2020 at 12:02 PM

JS

Sorry to hear of Gloria's passing as we were the best of friends in high school and have always kept in touch. In fact we married best friends. Sympathy to the Belew Family. Cousin Jean Stirrett Stanton

Jean Stanton - November 02, 2020 at 04:44 PM

M(

*To the Belew family,
I will always remember Gloria, her beautiful face with petite eyes smiling while she caught up with you about yourself and your family. She was always a positive cheerleader in any sporting event at BAHS! Praying for your family. and God's peace during this journey.*

Michelle Nguyen (Wisneski) - November 03, 2020 at 05:47 PM

DD

*To John, Kim, Pam, Kurt, and Robin.
So sorry to hear about Gloria, She was also smiling and never down. She would help you out where ever she could. She would give you advise any time you wanted but never tell you that is what you should do. She will defiantly be miss by all. May she rest in Peace now and be a angel at your side still guiding you along. Amen. Deb (Wisneski) Dekoski.*

Debbie Dekoski - November 08, 2020 at 03:52 PM