

## Obituary for Betty Ostler

7/14/1918 - 10/25/2011

Elizabeth "Betty" Hope Ostler passed away suddenly at the age of 93, Oct. 25, 2011, at her summer cottage in Bay View. Betty was the first-born child of Charles and Mabel Reed, born in Bradford, Pa., July 14, 1918. She grew up in Detroit and Alma. Betty attended and graduated from Alma College where she received a BA degree in teaching.

She married F. Jerome "Jerry" Ostler on June 20, 1942. He preceded her in death in 1981. After her marriage, Betty taught school in Saginaw and Petoskey. She completed her teaching career in the Saginaw Public School system from where she retired. She also assisted her husband in running Jerry Ostler Flowers and Greenhouse. Betty spent the last 43 years at her Bay View cottage, where she enjoyed the Bay View worship and music programs and took endless classes that were offered. Her winter months were spent traveling or in Saginaw with her son's family and with her sister in Vero Beach, Fla. She was an avid reader, took exercise and swimming classes and loved walking in the Bay View woods. Betty is survived by two children, William (Marsha) Ostler of Saginaw, Bonnie Redd (Mike Zeestraten) of Alanson; three grandchildren, Stephanie (John) Burke of Flint, Christine (Mikel) Palmer of Seattle, Wash., John Ostler (Melissa Siemasz) of Chicago. Also surviving are six great-grandchildren, Molly, Kevin, Brendan and Jonathan Burke, Jasper and Elliot Palmer. She also leaves many beloved nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by sister, Ruth Dalton, and brother, Robert Reed.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will take place next summer in Bay View. Memorials in her honor may be sent to Bay View Association, P.O. Box 583, Petoskey, Mich. 49770, or Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, 426 Bay St., Petoskey, Mich. 49770.

Arrangements are being handled by Stone Funeral Home, Petoskey.

Online condolences may be made at [stonefuneralhomeinc.com](http://stonefuneralhomeinc.com).

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A memorial service will be next spring here in Bay View with her ashes placed in the Bay View Memorial Garden at that time with a reception at Evelyn Hall.