



## Rev. Betty Blair

August 6, 1943 - August 8, 2022

Rev. Betty M. Blair of Lexington passed away peacefully on August 8, 2022 surrounded by family.

Betty was born August 6, 1943 in Fairgrove, MI to JD and Gladys (Kidd) Montei. She married Coulson Blair on July 2, 1965 in Owendale, MI. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, her children David (Mary Graminski) Blair of Plant City, FL and Rev. Carol (Allen) Bouse of Flushing, MI; five grandchildren Daniel and James Blair, Jacob and Andrew Bouse, and Emily Conrad; a brother Larry Montei, a sister Mary (Stewart) Clark, a foster brother Larry (Sharon) Hess, and a brother-in-law John Blair; along with many cousins, nieces, nephews and other family members. She was preceded in death by her parents Rev. JD and Gladys Montei.

Throughout her life Betty fulfilled her call to ministry in many different ways. In 1957, as a teenager, she and her family left Fairgrove, MI for Red Bird Mission in Beverly, KY. Her father, JD Montei had become the new agricultural missionary; she proudly graduated from the Red Bird Mission High School in 1961. She was always active in her church family and community no matter where she lived, Michigan, Kentucky, New Hampshire, New York, Michigan again or Florida. When her two children headed to school, so did Betty. After graduating from Saginaw Valley State University focused on Education, she served as Director of Christian Education in the local church and beyond. She also worked for many years for Mitten Bay Girl Scout Council. She finally answered her lifelong call to pastoral ministry in 2002 becoming the pastor of

Lexington United Methodist Church until 2009. Her deep faith directed her life, always serving where needed in her community and church until the end.

A time of visitation will take place on Saturday, August 13 from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm and from 1:00 pm until the time of service at the Lexington United Methodist Church, 5597 Main St, Lexington MI.

A Memorial Service will be on Sunday, August 14, 2022, at 2:00 pm at the Lexington United Methodist Church, 5597 Main St, Lexington MI. Rev. Susan Youmans presiding.

Memorial Gifts may be made to the Lexington United Methodist Church or Faith United Methodist Church, Bradenton Florida.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lexington United Methodist Church  
5597 Main St.  
Lexington, MI 48450  
(810) 359-8215  
<http://lumcmi.org>

## Service

AUG 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Condolences from Lexington United Methodist Church in Lexington, South Carolina. We are so sorry for your loss. May you find the Lord's strength and comfort.*

*We have learned about you, after some searching, because flowers that were to be sent to your church in Michigan came here to our Lexington United Methodist Church in South Carolina. We are sorry you did not receive those flowers from other loved ones. There were two vases of beautiful white flowers. One was sent from Mary, Stewart, Sarah, Jenny, Henry, Charlie, Haley, and Hawkins. The other was from Stewart and Mary.*

*We certainly wanted you to be aware of those flowers sent with love & care.*

*With sympathy, Connie Brock representing Lexington United Methodist Church in South Carolina.*

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**Connie Brock** - August 16, 2022 at 12:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Betty Blair.*



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August 13, 2022 at 01:24 AM

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“ *East Winds District, Michigan Conference purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Betty Blair.*



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**East Winds District, Michigan Conference** - August 11, 2022  
at 11:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Betty Blair.*



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August 10, 2022 at 09:40 AM