



Sara E. Bennett

March 15, 1943 - December 1, 2010

SARA E. BENNETT

MELVIN: Sara Elizabeth (Sally) Bennett passed away peacefully in her home in Melvin December 1, 2010. Sara was born in Port Huron on March 15, 1943. She married Richard J. Bennett on June 17, 1975. He survives her.

Sara graduated from Port Huron High School in 1961 and received an Associate Degree from Port Huron Junior College (now St. Clair Community College). She earned a Bachelor Degree from Michigan State University, with an emphasis in social services, and was employed for more than 26 years with Sanilac County Community Mental Health. After her retirement, she served as a volunteer Public Guardian for Sanilac County Probate Court, where she provided the advocacy and attention necessary to ensure comfortable lives for those in her care.

Among Sara's personal interests was acquiring information and expertise about dolls and doll collecting. She learned from books, journals, doll shows, and by contacting experts.

She was a voracious reader of fiction, nonfiction, history, and the classics. Charles Dickens was a favorite.

Sara became the informal family genealogist by applying her determination, intelligence, and puzzle-solving skills to accumulate information about descendants over three or more centuries.

Sara and her husband enjoyed camping over the years in their fifth-wheel camper, especially in Presque Isle, north of Alpena.

Sara loved animals. There have always been dogs and cats in the Bennett household, and their large yard has been refuge for numerous feral and dropped-off cats for many years. Shelter and food have been provided for the whole gang, not to mention occasional visits to the vet and other kinds of special care.

In addition to her husband, survivors include son Andrew Oliver and grandson Gabriel; son Timothy (Samantha) Bennett and grandchildren Valerie, Natalie, and Stephen; sister Martha Benedict (James Wallington) and nephew Daniel (Kathleen) Fitzgerald; sister-in-law Karole (Roy) Losey, nephew Jason Vondrak and niece Keri Vondrak.

Other survivors include beloved lifelong friend Terry Krueger and special friends Donna Sefton, Mary Simon, and Halusia Witowski.

Services will be held 11 AM Saturday, December 4, 2010 at the Pomeroy Funeral Home, Croswell. Burial will be in the Croswell Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-9 PM Friday.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the United Hospice Service of Marlette Hospital, 2770 Main St., P.O. Box 307, Marlette, MI 48453.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dick - Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Monica (Thom) Winchester - December 04, 2010 at 12:13 PM

PS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Sally's passing. Although, many years have passed since our paths have crossed, I have very deep and special memories of many fun times. May you be granted the "peace that passes all understanding" during the coming days.

Penny Stein - December 04, 2010 at 11:48 AM

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“ Our love and prayers are with the whole family. My favorite thing about Cousin Sally was her sense of humor. It only took one of her looks to make me laugh. We didn't see her often enough but will always have good thoughts of her. Carol and Mike

Carol Codden - December 02, 2010 at 12:54 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Sara, I know that she will be truly missed by her family and friends. I know how hard it is to lose someone close to you and my sincerest condolences go out to the family. I hope that all your memories and the words located at Acts 24:15 can bring you as much comfort as it has me. There at Acts is the wonderful promise of a resurrection and seeing all of our dead loved ones again.

Charles - December 01, 2010 at 08:39 PM

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“ *Sympathetic thoughts to the friends and family that will miss Sally, what a lovely obituary, it displayed how her life touched so many other lives, both professionally in mental health and through her personal interests. A life well lived indeed.*

Bonnie Wallington - December 01, 2010 at 05:44 PM