



Martha I. "Betty" Franke-Polz

May 29, 1926 - April 6, 2025

Martha I. "Betty" Franke-Polz, 98, passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, April 6, 2025, following an illness. Born on May 29, 1926, in New Buffalo, Michigan, she was the daughter of the late Harold and Freda (Gunnie) Kruger.

Betty lived a full and loving life. She was first married to the late Irving Low in 1950, and later found love again with Horst Franke-Polz, whom she married in 1970. She attended the Lutheran Church in her younger years and was a past member of the Moose Lodge in Michigan City.

Betty enjoyed the simple pleasures of life—watching television, especially *The Polka Hour*, and spending time playing cards, particularly pinochle. She was known for her kind and generous spirit, always willing to lend a hand and brighten someone's day. Above all else, she was a devoted mother and grandmother who cherished her family deeply.

She is survived by her daughter, Judy Waymire of Hamlet; three grandchildren, Brian Butler, Lee Fullerton, and Michael Fullerton; and two stepsons, Rick and Ron Franke-Polz. She was preceded in death by her parents; both of her husbands; and her four sisters: Hanna Swank, Helen Pagel, Esther Marz, and Edna Lowe.

Betty will be cremated and laid to rest beside her late husband in Three Oaks, Michigan, at a later date. Per her wishes, no services are planned at this time. Betty will be remembered always for her warmth, kindness, and the love she gave so freely to her family and friends.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our deepest sympathy to Judy may your mother rest in peace
blessing from Barb and Butch Abel*

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