



## Beverly Utt

ESCANABA, MI — Beverly J. Utt, 82, loving wife of James Utt, of rural Escanaba passed away on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Danforth on Jan. 4, 1935, daughter of Lawrence and Verna (Anderson) LaMarche. Part of her childhood was spent in Detroit during World War II.

On July 29, 1950, Beverly married James Utt at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hyde.

Beverly was a devoted mother, raising four daughters in the country, planting a garden, canning fruits and vegetables and running a tidy household. After her children were raised, she went back to school and received her LPN degree. She worked at St. Francis Hospital, primarily in the OB Department. She loved working with the new moms and their babies.

Upon retiring, she and her husband Jim traveled the southern states in the winter, settling at Fun N Sun in south Texas for 19 seasons. As soon as she arrived in 1993 she joined many activities, becoming a tap dancer, a clogger, and a hula dancer. She loved singing in Mixed Chorus and Ukulele Band. She played golf, bridge, and hand-and-foot. But most of all she loved the people, reaching out to many and hugging most. One

of her greatest joys was leading the Luau Warriors for four years. In the evenings Mom would knit pot holders and dish cloths, giving them all away.

She loved people and treasured the memories of her family and all of her friends at the Highland Golf Club, and the people she was close to in Texas.

Among survivors include her husband, James "Jim" of Escanaba and four daughters, Kathleen (Al) Rabbitoy, Karen (Sam) LaFave, Cheryl (Bob) Maier and Tammy Hereau. The girls and her 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren were the highlights of her life.

She loved the get-togethers with her five surviving brothers, William, Richard, Thomas, Don and Theodore on their birthdays, bringing them all a loaf of freshly baked bread.

Beverly had one sister, Shirley, who along with her parents and older brother, Robert, preceded her in death.

Burial was at Gardens of Rest Cemetery.

The family would like to extend their appreciation to UP Health Hospice, especially Kristen Lotter, for the care and comfort they provided to Beverly and her family.