



## Beatrice (Aunt Bea) Emma Scheffler

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Scheffler, Beatrice (Aunt Bea) Emma

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Beatrice Scheffler passed away peacefully in her sleep in Harbor Springs, MI on Wednesday, at the age of 92 years. Bea was born April 12, 1928, in Saginaw, to the late Adolph and Hattie (Hedwig Kuhl) Scheffler, and lived there for over 60 years. She was baptized at Holy Cross Lutheran Church and sang a strong alto in the Adult Choir. She attended 1st through 8th grade at Holy Cross Lutheran School, which she credited for providing the core foundation of her life, and graduated from Michigan Lutheran Seminary in 1946. Directly out of high school, she went to work for Michigan Bell Telephone until she retired in 1988. Starting as a telephone operator, Bea then spent many professionally fulfilling years in the fraud department. After retirement, Bea moved to Oscoda, where she worked closely with her brother, Elmer, to build her dream home on Lake Huron, the second home they built together. She was well-blessed and felt a clear obligation to give back — she actively volunteered with American Red Cross and Baby Pantry and wholeheartedly supported Faith Lutheran Church in Harrisville. She was also a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Oscoda. Wanting to be in a place near family where assistance would be available before she was in need, Bea moved to Perry Farm Village in Harbor Springs in October 2020. Our Aunt

Bea had a super special place in all our hearts as an endearing teaser with an insatiable curiosity. She was a steadfast independent woman who made a lifetime of smart choices to enable her to take very good care of herself. Brought up with a depression-era ethic, she had great fun enjoying her success in lots of small ways while honoring her base frugality to never spend more than she made (to her last day). Never wanting to be a burden, she could be a resistant loner sometimes requiring great effort to include her as we always saw her — an integral part of our immediate family. Her friends were few but close, vetted for humor and connection (you know who you are). Her memory will retain a deep space in our hearts.

Bea was preceded in death by her siblings, Laura (Henry) Seidel in 2015, and Elmer Scheffler in 2000; and nephew, Randall Jay Scheffler in 1967. She is survived by nieces and nephews, Ruth (Don) Jelneck, Nancy (Ray) Scott, John (Sandra) Scheffler, Bonnie Scheffler (David Bona) and Sue (Keith) McGlaughlin; great-nieces and great-nephews, Cameron Jelneck, Alecia (Tim) DelCore, Joshua (Sarah) Scott, Russell (Shirley) Scheffler and Jamie (Brad) Bays; great-great-nieces and nephew, Maddison Bays, Jacob Hall, Samantha Scheffler, Raeley Bays and Andi Bays; and her sister-in-law, Jeanette (Elmer) Scheffler.

Funeral service and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to Holy Cross Lutheran School, 610 Court St., Saginaw, MI 48602. We encourage those who would like to pay their respects to share memories through her memorial website at [WakemanFuneralHome.com](http://WakemanFuneralHome.com) and visit her gravesite at Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery in Saginaw.

# Cemetery Details

## **Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery**

4700 Brockway Rd.  
Saginaw, MI 48638

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beatrice (Aunt Bea) Emma Scheffler*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Beatrice (Aunt Bea) Emma Scheffler*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *To Beatrice's Family, I'm sorry for your loss of Beatrice. I worked with her in the Fraud Dept of Michigan Bell. She was a very nice and strong person. She was friends with my Mother In Law Dorothy Miller. I passed her home on Lake Huron often on my way to see my daughter "Maureen Damore" in Greenbush. It was a beautiful home on beautiful property,*

**teresa margaret ewbank** - December 16, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ *Cousin Beatrice was wherever Aunt Hattie was taking care of her mother in her declining years. My brother Harold and I were under her control when we visited the farm about three times a year. At Michigan Lutheran Seminary I would see her class of 1946 picture in Director Hoenicke's Latin room for two years. Through Jeanette Scheffler we saw her on pictures with Laura & Jeanette, but seldom in person. Finally about 2 years ago Harold, Esther, my wife Lorna and I visited her at her home on the lake. She was as feiste as ever.. May she rest in peace in the arms of Jesus.*  
*Waldemar & Lorna Bergdolt*

**Waldemar Bergdolt** - December 15, 2020 at 10:08 AM

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“ I came to know her and love her as my "Aunt Bea". She and my mother Barbara (Breidenbach) Neumeyer got to be really good friends when they worked at Michigan Bell in the late 1940's and early 1950's. When I was born in 1952, my parents Norm and Barb asked her to be one of my godparents. We got to see her often when she would come to visit or we would go out to the farm to visit her. She kind of lost touch after she moved to Oscoda. We did drive up to see her new home after she moved in. I loved watching the planes fly into the airforce base from the lake over her house. She had a great view of the water. She was usually happy, joking around with my parents. I have tried to keep in touch with her sending letters and Christmas cards each year but hadn't talked to her or heard from her in a long time. Will miss her and the memories of my Aunt Bea coming to visit. Rest in peace dear Aunt Bea.  
Love Debbie Neumeyer Fisher

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**Debbie Fisher** - December 14, 2020 at 07:09 PM