



Clara Bettina Buesser

August 17, 1918 - January 21, 2008

Buesser, Clara Bettina, age 89, died January 21, 2008 in Ann Arbor, MI while lovingly attended by the combined Buesser-Rieveschl family that she created, nurtured and cherished. Born Clara Bettina Smith on August 17, 1918 in Louisville, KY, the daughter of Thomas Gardener Smith and Helen Peake Smith, she was raised and educated in the greater Cincinnati area. Asked once how she developed her wide ranging interest in and knowledge of art, music, and gardening, she replied, "I had a library card." With her first husband George Rieveschl, inventor of the antihistamine Benadryl, she raised their two boys in a modern home she helped design and landscape in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI. Married in 1973 to Detroit attorney Anthony C. Buesser, she set about building a new close-knit family consisting of her two boys and his three children and their families. Listing her occupation, with a straight face, as "Homemaker", she designed, then built or renovated ten personal residences and two cottages. She bound us together with laughter, trust and love and presided with quiet tact and grace. We expect that when she meets God, He will say to her; "Welcome. I have a design project for you." She is survived by her husband, Anthony C. Buesser of Ann Arbor, two sons, Gary T. Rieveschl of West Harrison, Indiana, Jan L. (April) Rieveschl, of Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, three step-children, Kent Buesser Baumkel of Ypsilanti, Anthony C. (Iris) Buesser Jr. of Dexter, and Andrew C (Ojen) Buesser of Ann Arbor, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Burial will be private. A Memorial Service celebrating her life will be held in late Spring, her season of

the year, at a time and place to be announced. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. To share memories click on the condolence link.

Tribute Wall



“ *Clara Bettina Buesser*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Betty, I first remember you well when I was in about ninth grade. George was at Parke Davis. Dad was President.*

You were always so gracious and poised. I wanted to be just like you.

When Keith Brown and I were engaged , you and George were our models. We thought you were wonderful. You had us for dinner one evening, and we talked many times about how perfectly you entertained and lived.

We did not see you in later years, bur it was so wonderful to talk to you briefly last year.

Fly high, gracious lady!

To your husband, to the children and their families ~ most especially to Gary and Jan, and to all of the grandchildren, condolences and prayers for continued blessings as they experience the wonderful effects you have had on their lives in new and unexpected ways.

Sandy Loynd Brown Hays - December 12, 2014 at 10:27 AM

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“ *Bettina, I'll miss our time we had together every week. I'm really glad to have known you! All our home bound adventures and sneaking banana smoothies! Us girls sure stuck together! I'll miss your quiet grace. You sure were a special woman! Love, Therese*

Therese - December 12, 2014 at 10:27 AM