

Betty "Bette" Savage, 82, of Bad Axe, passed away Thursday, June 21, 2012, after a brief fight with cancer.

Born Aug. 15, 1929 in Detroit to Dean and Gertrude (nee Yon) Keller, she graduated from Denby High School and then Eastern Michigan University, earning a bachelor's degree in education. She was an art teacher in the Birmingham Public Schools and a dedicated homemaker.

It was summer Mrs. Savage loved best, because summer meant boating. She and her husband enjoyed boating for nearly 50 years, touring and fishing the Great Lakes. The North Channel, Georgian Bay and Oscoda were favorite destinations.

Retirement meant a new home for Mrs. Savage and her husband, on 110 acres in Bad Axe. She loved having deer in the yard and frequently named them. She joined the Ugly Country Club where she was on a women's' golf league.

Mrs. Savage is survived by her loving husband of 57 years Donald Savage; their sons, Barry (Heidi) and Leigh, both of Grosse Pointe Woods; the grandchildren she adored, Andrea, of Healy, Alaska, and Brady and Adam, both of Grosse Pointe Woods; also her nieces, Kim Keller, of Maryland and Kit Keller, of N. C.; and nephew, Kurt Keller, of Maryland.

Interment will be in the family plot in Franklin, with a private memorial service.

Donations may be made to The Mariners Church, 170 East Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48226.