



Miriam Strouse Shirley

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Miriam Strouse Shirley passed away Saturday, December 15, 2018 at home following a long illness. She was the daughter of Dr. George Clifford and Ruth L. Strouse, growing up in East Aurora, New York. She graduated college from The College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio, where she met her husband of 59 years, Robert L. Shirley. They were married December 27, 1955. Robert preceded her in death on October 5, 2014. Miriam “Mim” is survived by her sons: John Andrew Shirley, Brian (Marie Willet) Shirley; daughter, Ruth (Dean Glore) Bradfield; 8 grandchildren: Rachel (Drew Anthony) Shirley, Lauren Shirley, Madison Willet-Holman, Brooke Shirley, Liz (Ryan) Truax, Chelsea (Steve Schulte) Shirley, Shayna Bradfield, and Abigail Bradfield; 9 great-grandchildren; sister, Ann Strouse Fox; many nieces and nephews; and a dear friend, Carolyn Murray. Mim and Bob Lived briefly in Columbus, Ohio and Houston, Texas, before settling in North Muskegon. They bought and operated Teck-Tool Supply Company. Her daughter, Ruth, now owns and manages the company while also being her mother’s primary caregiver, coordinating the special care needed. Mim had versatile talents as a seamstress, excellent cook, piano teacher, women’s bible class teacher, Deaconess, church secretary, kitchen coordinator for luncheons and funerals, children’s ministry leader, Sunday school teacher, and avid bird watcher. She was a thoughtful, gentle, loving person devoted to her family. Mim enjoyed reading, teaching crafts, playing games and attending school functions with her grandchildren. The Shirley family is very grateful for the loving care Mim received during her illness. A special thanks to caregivers Gail, Jen, Tiffany, Alicia, Hattie, and the staff at Harbor Hospice. A CELEBRATION OF MIRIAM’S LIFE will be held 5:00 PM Saturday, December 29, 2018 at Calvary Bible Church (4617 Grand Haven Rd., Norton Shores, MI 49441) with Pastor Ed Arndt and Pastor Eric Stratton officiating, the day before her 85th birthday. VISITATION with the family will be one hour prior to the service. Those wishing to



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make a memorial donation in Mim's name, please consider: the Breast Cancer Research Foundation (www.bcrf.org), the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation (www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org), the Muskegon Rescue Mission (www.muskegonmission.org), or a charity of your choice. Share memories with the family at their On-line Guest Book at www.sytsemafh.com Arrangements by The Sytsema Chapel, 737 Apple Ave., (231) 726-5210



Events

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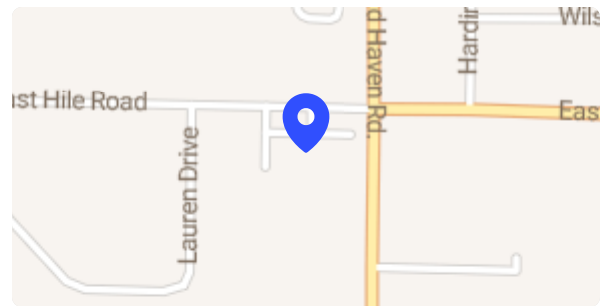
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Visitation

 **Saturday**, December 29, 2018


 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET

 **Calvary Bible Church**
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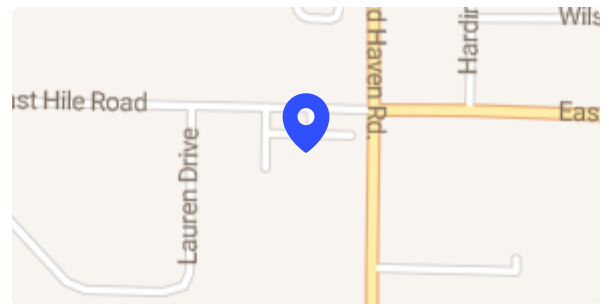


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Anonymous sent a Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses to the Shirley family.



December 24 at 6:22 AM



Chris Follett posted:

I will always remember the kindness of your Mom and Grandma. She made everyone feel welcomed and loved when she was in the room with you. She was such an example of Jesus to me. I just wish I could be there to celebrate her life with you all. Love, Chris and Ron

December 21 at 4:51 AM



Sharon Felcoski December 23 at 6:48 AM

Brian: I did not know your Mom but I know she was special to you. Remember, when the Lord calls our loved ones home, He leaves a gift of memories in exchange. Hold on to those memories and let them guide you during this time of sadness. My sympathy to you and yours.
Sharon Felcoski



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Miriam by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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