



## Beverly Ann Shaffer

November 29, 1935 - September 11, 2025

Beverly Shaffer (née Reilly), loving wife, mom, and grandma, of Royal Oak, passed away peacefully on September 11, 2025 after a brief time with Trinity Hospice at Lourdes Senior Community in Waterford.

Bev was raised on the east side of Detroit, graduating from Servite High School and then working at Michigan Consolidated Gas Company until she became a mom. She and her husband Byron moved to Royal Oak in 1967, and the family became part of Shrine of the Little Flower parish and the kids attended Shrine Schools. Bev became entrenched in volunteer life at Shrine with various stints as tutor, cheerleader moderator, Mom's Club member, taking on special projects at Shrine Church (she and the two Mrs. Hauberts could be seen polishing the patio doors to a fine shine as well as making the pews at Shrine glow). She led tours of Shrine, conducted wedding rehearsals and was part of the group of volunteers who counted the weekend collections each Monday. She loved being part of the Shrine Community.

Over the years, Bev recounted fondly many memories. These included family trips to see her parents, Tom and Eleanor Reilly, in St. Helen, Michigan. Weeks were spent with 2-3 extra families in a two-bedroom, one bathroom home, and Bev said it was always a good time to hop in the car to go look for deer. Later in life, Byron and Bev loved to golf and took a few trips with her cousins, Joyce and Gary Ford and brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Sherry

Reilly.

Bev lived a wonderful life filled with adventures as well as some quiet times, but she much preferred the adventures!

Bev will be remembered as the beloved wife of the late Byron, who passed in 2011. Loving mother of Beth (Michelle Hicks) Caverly, Jim (Susan) Shaffer, and the late Kristen (survived by Patrick) McHugh; and proud grandmother of her eight grandchildren. Dear sister of Pat (the late Gene) Chambers and sister-in-law of Sherry (the late Jim) Reilly. Bev also left behind her very dear childhood friend Dorothy Scully ("Scully"), her Shrine "Ladies who Lunch" crew who gathered regularly for over 45 years; and her neighbor and invaluable friend, Ralph Fader, who was of great support as he provided a watchful eye before she made the move to Lourdes Senior Community in Waterford.

Visitation will take place on Wednesday, September 17, from 4:00 p.m. until time of funeral service, 7:00 p.m., at William Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (four blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. Please come to share your special memories. The family will cherish learning more about their mom/grandma/sister/sister-in-law. A private burial will take place the following day.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Lourdes Senior Community or Trinity Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. 10 Mile Road  
10 Mile Road @ Beech Road  
Southfield, MI 48033

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

## Funeral Service

SEP 17. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Wishing you and your family moments of peace and comfort during this time. Bev was a beautiful lady inside and out; she touched many hearts. She will be greatly missed❤️  
~Christina

Christina O'Neil - September 17, 2025 at 07:32 PM

PH

“ Paul, Kerri , Luke ,Gabriel and Hope purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Beverly Ann Shaffer.



Paul, Kerri , Luke ,Gabriel and Hope - September 17, 2025 at 09:26 AM

SR

“ Suzanne R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Ann Shaffer.

Suzanne R. - September 16, 2025 at 09:37 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Beverly Ann Shaffer.



September 16, 2025 at 03:45 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Beverly Ann Shaffer.*



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September 16, 2025 at 10:28 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Beverly Ann Shaffer.

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September 16, 2025 at 08:15 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Beverly Ann Shaffer.*



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September 16, 2025 at 08:15 AM



“ *Peter & Marie Jarrus purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Beverly Ann Shaffer.*



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**Peter & Marie Jarrus** - September 15, 2025 at 08:05 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beverly Ann Shaffer.*



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September 15, 2025 at 09:15 AM



“ *I am one of the "Mrs. Hauberts" - Kathleen. My sister Jean, Beverly and I bowled together for years on Monday mornings. One day Bev brought along a book about the Shrine, and we decided to use the information, and tidbits we obtained elsewhere, to give tours to the parishioners. Bev's specialty was the exterior, so we always polished the doors in the outdoor pulpit, as well as the doors into the chapel. Also Bev's birthday was just a few days after mine, and she always reminded me that she would always be "younger than" me. I live in Ohio now, but I was thinking about her just the other day. She will not be forgotten.*

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**KathleenHaubert** - September 15, 2025 at 05:31 AM



*I baby-sat for the Shaffers every other Saturday night for years and they were such a wonderful family. They were very generous to me-- I used to say they paid for half my MSU tuition! Bev and my mom were great friends and I always appreciated seeing Bev's big smile and sparkling eyes. What a lovely lady--I am sure she will be missed.*

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**Clare Mitchell** - September 15, 2025 at 09:22 AM



*Both of your comments sure brings back memories. Clare, you were always my favorite babysitter! You're always so nice to us kids.*

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**Elizabeth Caverly** - September 15, 2025 at 04:48 PM

JM

*In addition to all the comments above, Bev was a wonderful neighbor, a caring eye over my parents Bill & Marcella. She loved her garden and was such a devoted Shrine parishioner and a friend to all.*

Joann Murphy - September 22, 2025 at 08:25 PM

AA

“ Andrew, Roy, Arezou planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Ann Shaffer.

Andrew, Roy, Arezou - September 14, 2025 at 03:27 PM

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“ Andrew, Roy, Arezou purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Beverly Ann Shaffer.



Andrew, Roy, Arezou - September 14, 2025 at 03:27 PM

CS

“ We remember Bev, whose quiet strength and gentle spirit touched the hearts of all who knew her. Though her memory may have faded her smile never did - in that smile we saw love, resilience, and the essence of a life well lived. She taught us that connection goes beyond words and that kindness can be felt in a simple touch or a shared moment. Lourdes Senior Community shares in the sorrow of your loss and will forever hold Bev in our heart. With Deepest Sympathy, Cori Sharrard, Director



Cori Sharrard - September 12, 2025 at 03:53 PM