



Dorothy Sheldon

January 12, 1926 - January 19, 2025

Dorothy Jean Sheldon (née Person), age 99, passed away peacefully in her sleep late January 19, 2025 surrounded by family at the House of Angels in Troy. Dorothy was born in Detroit, Michigan on January 12, 1926. Dorothy graduated from Denby High School in 1943, where she was the class secretary. Following high school she received an associate business degree from The Detroit College of Business. She later worked for the VP of Packard Motor Car Company. Dorothy also played the piano for the Detroit USO during WWII. After marrying Fred Sheldon in 1947, she became a homemaker and mother to her three children. While raising her children, Dorothy became very active with the Girl Scouts of America, Royal Oak Shrine School Mothers Club, Ladies Guild, Shrine Ladies bowling and golf leagues (including 2 holes in one in her life). She was very active in the Shrine of the Little Flower School Sugar Cube Polio Program in the early 1960's, and recruited local volunteers to help in the effort to eradicate polio. Later in life she became a very active member of the Royal Oak Rotary Club serving as the secretary for many years and regularly helping with the Blessings in a Backpack and scholarship programs.

Dorothy was a loving mother, grandmother and friend, with a welcoming heart, encouraging spirit and brilliant smile. She was endlessly proud of her family and her husband, continuing his legacy in the Rotary Club and their real estate company, Fredot.

Education was always very important to the Sheldons so after the passing of her husband, Fred, she established the Fred and Dorothy Sheldon Rotary Scholarship Fund. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Fred and her son, Robert.

Dorothy is survived by her loving daughters Jean Ivory and Carol Sheldon; her seven grandchildren, Meghan (Alan) Ivory Vince, Jaime (Daren) Ivory, Lauren (Rostyslaw) Ivory Smyk, Greg (Megan) Sheldon, Juli (David) Dreifuss, and Michael (Jessi) Sheldon, and granddaughter-in -love Sarah Fruck; nine great-grandchildren Linnaea and Leland, Isaac and Whitney, Lanie, Benny and Marnie, and Jackson and Sammi; and her beloved niece, Cathy Field.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 23, from 3 - 8 p.m., with a Rosary at 7 p.m., at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (four blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral Mass will be held Friday morning at 10 a.m. (visitation 9:30 a.m.) at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 2100 Twelve Mile Rd., Royal Oak. Interment will take place immediately following at Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley.

Memorials contribution may be made to the Royal Oak Rotary Club in the name of the Fred and Dorothy Sheldon Scholarship Fund (P.O. Box 745 Royal Oak, MI 48068) or the Tri - Community Coalition Bob Sheldon Scholarship Fund (2820 W. 12 Mile Rd Berkley, Mi 48072).

Cemetery Details

Roseland Park Cemetery

29001 Woodward Avenue
(NW corner of 12 Mile and Woodward)
Berkley, MI 48072

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 23. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
royal@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Rosary

JAN 23. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

JAN **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 W. 12 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Tribute Wall

SP

“ Carol and family. I am so sorry for the loss of your wonderful Mother. You are in my thoughts and prayers. -Sue Parisi



Sue Parisi - January 22, 2025 at 08:37 PM

LM

“ Carol and family. I'm so sorry for the loss of your beloved mother. May all of you find peace, love & comfort. Godspeed, Mrs. Sheldon.

Linda Moeller - January 22, 2025 at 08:19 PM

GC

“ George Chapman purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Dorothy Sheldon.



George Chapman - January 22, 2025 at 04:22 PM

GC

“ George Chapman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Sheldon.

George Chapman - January 22, 2025 at 04:22 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Sheldon.



January 22, 2025 at 03:31 PM



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“ I grew up across the street from Dorothy and Fred. As a boy growing up on Mayfield Dr, not once did they ever come out to complain when a street football game spilled over onto their front lawn, or make a fuss when an errant soccer kick hit their house, or say anything when a game of tag ended up in their backyard. They were just really great neighbors. I remember Dorothy always being willing to give me a job mowing her lawn or raking her leaves. She was very sweet, very sharp, and exceptionally kind. She will be missed. My sympathies to you all during this difficult time.

Andrew Neighbors - January 22, 2025 at 01:21 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Dorothy Sheldon.



January 22, 2025 at 01:03 PM

FS

“ From Sharon Sheldon purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Dorothy Sheldon.



From Sharon Sheldon - January 21, 2025 at 05:37 PM

DF

“ My favourite and strongest memory of Grandma Sheldon was when Lauren and I visited her in her home when we were in college. I remember she had onions tied off in sections hanging in old pantyhose near the doorway to the kitchen. I asked her about it and she explained it's the best way to store them- and you just cut off below the knot when you're ready for the next one. Such a beautifully frugal, intelligent, sweet woman. Her legacy of how to be a refined and graceful woman, and an honest caring human will live on in her family. Wishing you well on the next phase of your journey Grandma Sheldon!

Dania Fiorito - January 21, 2025 at 04:00 PM

CL

“ Dorothy was my dear next-door neighbor for many, many years. She has an amazing 99 years. My deepest sympathies to her family.
Charlie Lowrie

Charlie Lowrie - January 21, 2025 at 09:02 AM

FE

“ We’ve known Dorothy for 45 years. What a sweet neighbor she was. It was always delightful to talk with her and hear her many stories. What an amazing life to be 99! Our deep sympathy to her family.

Fran and Rick Elder

Fran Elder - January 21, 2025 at 08:32 AM

JB

Carol and Jean you have my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Joan Brayer

Joan Brayer - January 22, 2025 at 11:23 PM