



Marilyn J. Shaver

June 18, 1941 - August 23, 2025

Marilyn Joyce Shaver, age 84, of Sterling Heights, passed away on August 23, 2025. She was born on June 18, 1941, in Highland Park, to the late John and Marian (Trembath) Harvey.

A graduate of Cooley High School in Detroit, Marilyn began her working career at Kresge's in Northland. On December 24, 1959, in Detroit, she married the love of her life, James (Jim) C. Shaver, after a whirlwind courtship. Together they shared 65 wonderful years of marriage.

As Jim built a 21 year career in the United States Air Force, Marilyn devoted herself to her family and homemaking as they moved around the country and overseas, living in Soap Lake, WA; Tacoma, WA; Okinawa; Marquette, MI; Detroit, MI; Omaha, NE; and Roseville, MI. They resided in Roseville for 21 years, during which Jim retired from the Air Force before they happily settled in Sterling Heights for the next 30 years.

Marilyn was the quintessential homemaker, always keeping a warm and welcoming home. She loved caring for her children, cooking, cleaning, and organizing their household while Jim served his country. She lived a life full of service and activities—playing in a hand-bell choir, leading a Girl Scout troop, playing cards and board games, bowling, and volunteering both at South Macomb Hospital and the Sterling Heights Library.

Beloved wife of Jim; loving mother of Joyce Miller (and her husband, Randy), Kathy Richardson, Bill Shaver (and his wife, Kathy); proud grandmother of 13; great-grandmother of 10; and dear sister of Jean Williams (and husband, Rev. Dr. Ronald). She will forever be in their hearts.

Visitation will take place Wednesday from 2:00–8:00 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd, Royal Oak. Funeral service will be held Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

To share a memory or offer condolences, please visit www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

AUG 28. 11:30 AM (ET)

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705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Burial

AUG 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

Oakview Cemetery
1032 N. Main Street
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Tribute Wall

RG

“Marilyn was a very special friend and their family and ours got to know each other in Omaha Nebraska many years ago. She'll always be my special friend and now she's a special angel. we all will miss her and especially Jim and the family. take care and knowing she's in a better place unless she was always loved and always will be missed love you my best friend

Rose Garner - August 29, 2025 at 09:21 AM

BH

“Marilyn became the first friend I met after my family moved from Canada to Detroit in 1952. We lived just two blocks from each other and spent most of our free time together. We were both 11 years old and have remained friends for these many years. My sincere sympathy goes out to her loving family. Barbara Haase

Barbara Haase - August 27, 2025 at 09:50 AM

BS

Barbara,
This is Marilyn's son Bill. We thank you for sharing and your sympathies. I will make sure the family sees your message.

Bill Shaver - August 29, 2025 at 08:25 AM

JM

“Jean Kennehan, Adel and Marty purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Marilyn J. Shaver.



Jean Kennehan, Adel and Marty - August 27, 2025 at 09:31 AM

CB

“ Convivial Brands purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Marilyn J. Shaver.



Convivial Brands - August 27, 2025 at 08:54 AM



“ "God Has You" 21" Sonnet Chime was purchased for the family of Marilyn J. Shaver.



August 26, 2025 at 07:16 PM

JH

“ James & Laura Hillwig purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Marilyn J. Shaver.



James & Laura Hillwig - August 26, 2025 at 06:18 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn J. Shaver.



August 26, 2025 at 04:54 PM

TF

“ The Larrair family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Marilyn J. Shaver.



The Larrair family - August 26, 2025 at 03:36 PM

TF

“ The Larrair family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn J. Shaver.

The Larrair family - August 26, 2025 at 03:36 PM

LW

“ Love, The Bodnovits and Watsons purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Marilyn J. Shaver.



Love, The Bodnovits and Watsons - August 26, 2025 at 11:29 AM

LW

“ Love, The Bodnovits and Watsons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn J. Shaver.

Love, The Bodnovits and Watsons - August 26, 2025 at 11:29 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marilyn J. Shaver.*



August 26, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Marilyn J. Shaver.*



August 26, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marilyn J. Shaver.*

August 26, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ *Lavati family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Marilyn J. Shaver.*



Lavati family - August 25, 2025 at 07:29 PM

BH

“ *Barbara Haase purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Marilyn J. Shaver.*



Barbara Haase - August 25, 2025 at 04:40 PM

LL

“ *Love Earl & Laurie purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Marilyn J. Shaver.*



Love Earl & Laurie - August 25, 2025 at 03:37 PM

LN

“ *Love your neighbors purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Marilyn J. Shaver.*



Love your neighbors - August 25, 2025 at 12:58 PM

LJ

“ *Love, Jeanne purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Marilyn J. Shaver.*



Love, Jeanne - August 24, 2025 at 06:40 PM

LJ

“ Love, Jeanne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn J. Shaver.

Love, Jeanne - August 24, 2025 at 06:40 PM

MF

“ Mike, Pam, Sandee and Families purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Marilyn J. Shaver.



Mike, Pam, Sandee and Families - August 24, 2025 at 11:59 AM