



## Marilynn L. Lukens

July 6, 1943 - September 6, 2023

Marilynn Louise Lukens, a resident of Clinton Township, passed away on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at the age of 80. A daughter of Robert and Georgia Sherrard, she was born on July 6, 1943 in Detroit. Marilynn graduated from Hazel Park High School before attending a business school and Oakland Community College. She made her career as a legal secretary for various offices, including Davis Wright Tremaine in Seattle, Washington.

At home, Marilynn read non-fiction, mysteries, and the works of Tom Clancy and Todd Kessler. She enjoyed waterfront views and visiting new places. Marilynn was gifted in knitting, cross-stitch, and baking. Her artistic side showed through in the way she decorated her baked goods. Soft-spoken, intelligent, and personable, Marilynn had a talent for making first impressions and was a good judge of character.

Loving mother of Leah Valerie Elizabeth (John) Albers and Phil Michael Lukens. Dear sister of Phoebe Jean (the late Earl) Richards, the late John Robert (Rose) Sherrard, Carol Virginia (Mark) Hess, Sharon Kathleen Sherrard, and the late Burton Dwight Sherrard. Close friend of Barb Eardly, Beth Pinkers, Barb Boland, Toby Krueger, and Carol Graves.

A visitation for Marilynn will be held on Monday, September 11, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm with a funeral service at 4:00 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral

Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (4 blks. E. of Woodward), Royal Oak,  
48067.

Donations in Marilyn's memory may be made to the Children's Hospital of  
Michigan, 3011 West Grand Boulevard, Suite 218, Detroit, MI 48202.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 11. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
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<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Service

SEP 11. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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**Beth Pinkers** - September 10, 2023 at 08:27 PM

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“ I have many memories of Marilyn, at the Washington coast, baking Christmas cookies, but I think my favorite is when I took her to my favorite cabins on the Washington Coast for the first time and we went walking on the beach, which literally extended for several miles North and South. She was enchanted with the large flocks of shore birds that would suddenly take off, circle & come back only a few feet away from where they started, the amazing number of shells & sand dollars that we found and the waves. I had warned her about the waves sometimes coming in farther and faster than expected - sneaker waves - but she really didn't understand them until one came in. I saw one coming & told her she needed to move farther away from the waves ... she'd move a couple steps as I moved much farther, I told her again, & again she moved only a few steps. I had to grab her arm & pull her as the wave came dashing up to her feet, clearly surprising her as it covered her booted feet. It left us both laughing as we continued to enjoy our walk along the beach.

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**Beth Pinkers** - September 10, 2023 at 08:09 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marilynn L. Lukens.



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September 10, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marilynn L. Lukens.

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“ I asked my mother to teach me how to cross the street when we were very young (pre 1st grade) so that I could walk across and visit the girl with the red hair! We became friends that day and stayed that way for about 75 years. We knew each other's families and their foibles as well each other's quirks. My son and family moved to Seattle so whenever I visited there I got together with Marilynn. She enjoyed my son's family, especially my little granddaughters. Her life was never easy, she had more than her share of trauma and pain. But she was a fighter and refused to give up or accept injustices. She will be much missed and recalled as long as I live.

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**Carole Graves** - September 09, 2023 at 09:03 PM



I will always cherish the week I spent with Marilyn , along with Carole, of course, at a cottage on Otsego Lake. We traveled all over northern Michigan, taking in all the wonderful sites and dining delights. Then returning back to the cottage for a quiet evening of conversation and reading. I miss her already and I'll always remember her as a strong woman who loved life and did not give in to her many health issues.

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**Barbara Boland** - September 10, 2023 at 12:53 PM