



Gerry Shantz

April 4, 1925 - January 24, 2021

Mary "Gerry" Shantz, age 95, of Royal Oak, passed away January 24, 2021. Gerry was the beloved wife of the late Sherwood Shantz. Loving mother of Kathy (Bill) Mielke, Mark (Mary) Shantz, and Kirk (Krisan) Shantz. Proud grandmother of Courtney, Lindsay, Jeff, Robert, Nichole, Kyle, and Kelsey; and great-grandmother of seven.

Gerry was an avid bridge player who also enjoyed reading, cooking, walking, and gardening. She took particular pride in tending her large backyard. Her faith and the Catholic Church were top priorities in her life, as was her family. She adored her grandkids and great-grandkids, and she loved spending time with them. Gerry was deeply loved and will be dearly missed.

Funeral Mass will take place Wednesday, January 27, at 10:00 a.m. (visitation 9:30) at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 2100 Twelve Mile Rd., Royal Oak. The Funeral Mass will also be livestreamed at <https://www.shrinechurch.com/mass-livestream>. Burial will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Capuchin Soup Kitchen (<https://www.cskdetroit.org/>) are appreciated.

Share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JAN 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Burial

JAN 27. 11:30 AM (ET)

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery
25800 W. 10 Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Tribute Wall

JD

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of my dear Godmother. Her and my mom were best friends ever since high school. I was glad to be able to come and visit with my mom in their last years. I have to say, with my moms passing last May, it’s nice to know they are all together again.

Much love, Joyce Seelbach

Joyce Seelbach (Elaine & Don’s daughter) - April 22, 2021 at 04:49 PM

MI

“It is with deepest sympathy we have learned of Gerry's passing. We wanted to attend the funeral, but was unable to due to the pandemic. Our hearts and prayers go out to her and the entire family. She was a wonderful lady and mother. May God watch over and bless her.

*Mark "Boris" & Janet Irwin
Louisville, Ky.”*

Mark Irwin - February 01, 2021 at 10:22 AM

PW

“ I first met Aunt Gerry in 1979 when I married her nephew, Bryan. She was so welcoming to me and hosted a lovely bridal shower for me in her home. She was a very “with it” lady who I always enjoyed seeing. She is my role model for aging...enjoying family, friends and life! Aunt Gerry always looked beautiful and was a joy to talk with. A fabulous hostess, my favorite memories are of her 50th anniversary and a more recent visit to her home when she served lovely appetizers as our family enjoyed conversing the afternoon away. I also loved bumping into her at the Farmer’s Market and I always marveled at her energy and her sharing all the details of her children’s and grandchildren’s life events. She was truly a gift to us all and I will miss her. Pat Wehrung

Pat Wehrung - January 26, 2021 at 05:46 PM

BC

“ On behalf of the Capuchin brothers I offer my deepest sympathies on the passing of Gerry. It is truly humbling to receive memorial donations in honor of Gerry's life. Please be assured of the brother's prayers for the entire Shantz family during this great time of grief. May perpetual light shine upon Gerry.

Br Nick Blattner Ofm Capuchin - January 26, 2021 at 11:37 AM

JN

I will truly miss a dear friend. She was my bridge partner for years and just a wonderful fun person . There’s not another like her. I know how much she loved her family and how lovingly they treated her, all were truly blessed..God bless her caring children...

june e nicoletti - January 30, 2021 at 03:38 PM

KM

Kathy, after all these years I haven’t forgotten you or your parents. I am so sorry to learn of your mom’s passing. I’m sure she had a wonderful life. Please look me up if you find yourself in Southwest Florida. Kay Krook Murawski

Kay Krook Murawski - August 10, 2025 at 11:26 PM