



Ruth "Cookie" Wheeler

September 12, 1943 - January 18, 2020

Ruth "Cookie" Wheeler of Shelby Township, Michigan peacefully passed on January 18, 2020 at the age of 76. She was born on September 12, 1943 in Detroit, Michigan to parents William and Irene Jeffery. Graduating from John J. Pershing High School in Detroit, Cookie worked as a Teacher's Assistant with Utica Community Schools for nearly two decades. She was actively involved in the community with a love to volunteer at the Shelby Township Senior Center. Cookie enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and is remembered for her selflessness, compassion, generosity, humor, and most of all - her incredible smile. Cookie was the cherished wife of 54 years of Gerald "Jerry" Wheeler; the loving mother of Jim (Shana) Wheeler and Nicole (Dave) Wheeler-Schumacher; the beloved nana of Heather (Justin) Hustek and Corey Wheeler; the great-grandma of Henry Hustek; a loving sister of Sue (Bill) Boren and John (Sharon) Jeffery; the grandma to family pets, Matilda and Pablo; the beloved aunt, cousin and dear friend to many from all walks of life. The family sends a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Mitchell Folbe and to the rest of the amazing staff of Beaumont Hospital - Troy. Cookie Wheeler's family will celebrate her life on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home located at 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke) Utica, Michigan. Visitation is from 10:30AM - 1:00PM, followed by a service beginning at 1:00PM. The family invites visitors to wear purple in honor of Cookie's favorite color. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are appreciated to the following charities: Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of

Michigan Chapter ~ www.ils.org/michigan; Shelby Township Senior Center;
National Kidney Foundation of Michigan - Detroit ~ www.nkfm.org ; and
Humane Society of Macomb County ~www.humanesocietyofmacomb.org. To
share your favorite memory, please visit www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 25. 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

JO

“ I can't believe its been a year already since you left us here - what a blessing you were to this crazy world of ours. You moved in two houses down from us when I was a teenager and became such a good friend and neighbor to us and the others on Durham St. You were so kind and caring and giving - We send our love again to Jerry, Jim and Nicole and the kids as I'm sure they are missing you so and we all do. Hope you and mom are enjoying a cup of coffee/tea and a good long conversation like you always used to do.

Joy, Mike & Sara Guffey
Guy & Lori (Durham) Martin and family

Joy - February 04, 2021 at 10:39 AM

NW

“ Nicole Wheeler-Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Ruth "Cookie" Wheeler



Nicole Wheeler-Schumacher - February 02, 2020 at 11:50 AM

LM

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Lauren Monsen - January 28, 2020 at 10:59 AM

AD

“ Our Senior Center Family is devastated to hear of Cookie's passing. To us, she was the lady who always had a smile! Cookie often shared her love for her family and her beloved dogs with all of us. She never forgot to send a thank you note when she attended something here, just letting us know that she was grateful. Her passing will leave a mark on all of us. Please know that our thoughts, prayers, and love will be with all of you in the coming weeks and months ahead. She will be missed beyond words. The Staff and Members of the Shelby Township Senior Center.

Amy Drake - January 27, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ I remember a time when my son was in Robert's Elementary, over 25 years ago. He bumped his head on the monkey bars. Cookie was one of my emergency contacts. She rode with my son to the hospital. I met them there. She told me she was "honored" to have been on that list. Cookie comforted my son AND me! All turned out well with my son. She is a one in a million! It was truly an "honor" to have known you Cookie and your family for over 40 years. Rest in peace my dear neighbor and friend!

Michelle DiMaggio Mannina - January 25, 2020 at 10:36 AM

SB

“ Cookie was a wonderful friend to all who knew her. I was blessed to have known her my whole life and I will treasure all of the memories I have with her. Her hugs, smile, and joyful spirit will truly be missed!

Sarah Byington - January 25, 2020 at 10:03 AM

RC

“ *Richard C. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ruth "Cookie" Wheeler.*



Richard C. - January 24, 2020 at 05:11 PM

KM

“ *Our Dearest Cookie*

No words could ever tell your family what a wonderful , kind , loving , caring person you were because they already know . You have been The Melan's neighbor for 4 generations

Starting with Bill , Chris, Michael and most recently Deano, Farrah , Mia and we can't forget Angel and Shelby (your canine family) . All of our memories of you were happy ones you made us smile and laugh all the time . You will always be in our hearts and we will miss you forever (especially Shelby) she loved those treats over the fence . Thank you for being such a loving caring friend for over 4 generations .

God speed Cookie ! God arms are open for you ! Bring that fun loving smile with you too .

The Melan's Chris, Kathy, Michael, Deano, Farrah, Mia and Shelby

Kathy Melan - January 24, 2020 at 12:03 PM

LB

“ I called her Cookie Wookie. We met at Roberts Elementary in the 1980"s working as volunteers and eventually both becoming teacher assistants in different preschool programs. We ended up working together at Maynard for many years. Cookie was funny and a true,compassionate and loving friend. She loved to give presents to just about everyone! We shared and made so many memories over the years. She loved her whole entire family, extended family, friends,,and her many dogs. She was strong and always stood up for what she believed in. Cookie would have given anything she owned to help people,even strangers. That"s how big her heart was and still is. When someone was acting silly she loved to quote her uncle and say,"they're way out Gratiot" She was one of a kind and will be greatly missed. GOD bless and grant her family peace,strength and comfort each moment. I love you Cookie Wookie! Linda Bierbusse XO

Linda Bierbusse - January 22, 2020 at 12:20 PM

RN

“ Randy and Nick purchased the Magnificent Life S pray for the family of Ruth "Cookie" Wheeler.



Randy and Nick - January 22, 2020 at 10:28 AM

JR

“ I can't possibly pick one memory out of the 45 years worth that I have but I am so very thankful that I have so many to choose from. Love her dearly and miss her beyond words already.

Joanne Richter Rilliet - January 21, 2020 at 08:20 PM

CH

“ Aunt Cookie was always making sure we all had a good time! She kept us smiling and laughing 💕💕

Cheryl - January 21, 2020 at 04:58 PM

 Susan Hitchcock

“ I am heartbroken to hear of Cookie's passing. May the peace of our Lord be with your family and friends at this time. Cookie, you will be missed, my friend.

Susan Hitchcock - January 21, 2020 at 02:09 PM