



Shirley I. Banbury

January 17, 1928 - January 7, 2021

Shirley Isabell Banbury, age 92, lifelong resident of Royal Oak, January 7, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Arthur. Loving mother of Ray (Linda), Bob (Mary B.) and Lee (Mary C.). Proud grandmother of Barbara (Hugo), Kimberly (Casey), Brian (Rebecca), Scott, Lindsay and great-grandmother of Lucas, Elizabeth, Bennett, Greta, Lexi, Andrew and Anthony. Dear sister of Margaret Monroe. Private services will be held. Share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street
(south of 12 Mile Road)
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Tribute Wall

MD

“ I loved Mrs. Banbury’s spunk! She was always up for a chat and showing us all her fun trinkets in the house. She wasn’t family by blood, but by choice just as the entire Banbury clan is. She will be greatly missed.

Michelle Davis-Poeder - January 22, 2021 at 08:15 PM

LD

“ Mrs. B was a stitch, never a dull moment. She loved visitors and always made us feel warm and cozy. You couldn’t leave unless you ate something or had something to drink! Bernie and I loved to visit her and wish we had done it more. She had a funny sense of humor and she will truly be missed. Hugs and prayers for her family. 💜🙏

linda davis - January 20, 2021 at 06:31 PM

HA

“ Visiting Shirley was always a pleasure. Her home was warm and welcoming EVERY time we visited. I can’t remember a single time when I felt unwelcome, even in the early days when I was just Barb’s boyfriend. Both her and Art were so kind and genuinely wanted to listen. I will very much miss the lengthy conversations sitting on her recliners or on the carpet. I will miss the postcards she and I exchanged often and the articles she would clip for us. I will miss her voicemails and the way she waved you down when you made joke. I will miss that my children will not get to spend more time with her. I have always known life is finite and that we need to spend time with those we love before they are gone. I think she did too because every time we went to MI she was ALWAYS there wanting to talk, hang out, feed you, or show you her photos. Thank you for being so cool Shirley!

HUGO ALAMILLO - January 19, 2021 at 05:55 PM

BB

“ My grandma was both loving and feisty and she will be sorely missed. She will live in my memory as the best huggers, the most fierce scrabble opponent, and someone who was not afraid to call out my nonsense. I will cherish all the memories: the many games we played (and we played SO many!!), the camping trips, our walks downtown Royal Oak to Wendy's, the long letters I got from her when I was in school, the notes and funny pictures or news articles she sent me and my kids when she was thinking of us, her killer potato salad, her chasing us around with her camera, her love of lighthouses, her amazing roses, her numerous bird plates, and her love of piano and organ music (and Shirley Temple) to name a few. I'm really struggling to say goodbye to this wonderful person, I can't imagine visiting Michigan and not being able to see her, and I'm also incredibly grateful for the 41 years I got with her.

Barb Lee Banbury - January 19, 2021 at 04:09 PM

KO

“ Yesterday my dear grandmother would have been 93 years old. There isn't one specific memory that I have which stands out over another because there are so many wonderful memories I have of her and her life. Her home in Royal Oak was so cozy and warm. When we were there everything was right in the world; it was probably my favorite place to be and I loved visiting. As kids, my brother and sister and I would play with her plastic green flower coasters (times have changed!) and make jewelry with her endless supply of beads. When we visited for the holidays, she made sure to have Mr. Magoo and Charlie Brown's Christmas Special ready for us to watch. She and grandpa would tell us about their RV trips to various spots around the US and show us pictures. She loved her word games. Her basement had pink carpet. She loved lighthouses and cardinal birds, and whenever I see them I instantly think of her. She was such a wonderful person and I will miss her forever. She holds a very special place in my heart, right next to grandpa. Love you grandma!

Kimberly Overstreet - January 18, 2021 at 02:10 PM

SW

“ I had the privilege of knowing Mrs. B for over fifty years. She was such a special, pleasant person. She was always entertaining company, and certainly had "the gift of gab". She was fun to be around, and both my husband and I enjoyed visiting with her at her home in Royal Oak. Since we all three grew up in Royal Oak, we always had a lot to talk about. Several years ago Shirley and I spent the day touring retirement homes. We both had a great time, but at the end of the day she just couldn't make up her mind about what she wanted. She said, "The thing of it is, I need to be close to Beaumont". I'm so happy that she finally decided to move to the American House in Hazel Park. I visited her there last January, and she seemed to be very happy. I have several treasures that came from her, which I will always cherish. My favorite is her collection of moose mugs that she acquired on her beloved RV trips. Mrs. B will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

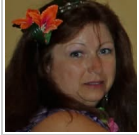
Susan Waters

Susan Waters - January 17, 2021 at 05:35 PM



“ I have a couple small memories of my Aunt Shirley. One when she came to my graduation party. I never expected Aunt Shirley to come the drive was so long. My Nana (Kathleen Perry) and I were in tears when we saw Aunt Shirley walking up the driveway, we just both couldn't believe she was able to make such a long drive. One summer Aunt Shirley went with my Nana, Papa, me, and my mom to the Detroit Zoo. I remember being at Aunt Shirley's house looking at all her light houses, Nana complimented Her light houses, and Aunt Shirley said it's just a bunch of junk 😂 that was pretty funny and took Nana by surprise.

Jenna Chynoweth - January 16, 2021 at 03:30 PM



“ So many memories, I remember the scary stairs I had to climb when I was little kid, to get up to your house. The fun Banbury Christmas dinners. I was so lucky and blessed to have gotten to know my family. How kind and loving you were. Funny and whitty too. You were always good to us little kids and I always felt the love in your home. You will be missed Aunt Shirley, but you will always be loved and never forgotten. God Bless you and Uncle Art and Ray, Lee and Bobby and their families

Lisa Chynoweth - January 16, 2021 at 10:53 AM

MB

“ I first met you when I was 15. As the mother of my boyfriend, you welcomed me to family dinners, playing cards and games, and allowed me to go to Houghton Lake frequently. During college you wrote to me. You had a great sense of humor and were able to laugh when things didn't quite go the way you planned. When we had our first child, you offered to babysit, so I could go to nursing school. Because of you (and my mom), I became a nurse. You were a fanatic grandma for our 3 kids. You and Art were steady eddies when one of your 3 boys would make a bad decision. When you were concerned about something going on, you asked questions but tried to understand. You were a great role model. One great memory was when you and Art stayed with the kids so Lee and I could go on vacation. A few weeks later Kim brought home her school pictures. She had a pair of my mom's old big, green clip on earrings on! I called you but you just laughed and said “ Oh you will appreciate that picture in years to come.” And you were right! You got cowboy boots for Barbie when she was about 4. You had a beautiful cake for Brian before he went in to the Marines. And you welcomed our dogs, when we came back to Michigan to visit. Thanks for the 52 years that I had with you. I miss you so much. already but I'll always remember your humor, strength and passion.
Mary

Mary Banbury - January 15, 2021 at 01:12 PM