



## Shirley Louise Isbell

April 21, 1927 - July 29, 2015

Isbell, (nee Varty)

Shirley, age 88, a 58 year resident of Royal Oak, passed away, July 29, 2015. Beloved wife of the late Vernon married 58 years. Loving mother of Susan (Paul) Szurpicki, Stephen, and Matthew (Robbin). Dear grandmother of Sarah (David Iannuzzi) Szurpicki, Elizabeth Szurpicki, David Szurpicki, Peter (Natalie) Isbell, and Molly (Lance) Stoker. Great-grandmother of Elena, Jaxson, Brayden, and Anastasia. Shirley retired from Dayton-Hudson Company at the Oakland Mall. She was also a member and volunteer at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Parish for 58 years. A memorial gathering will take place Friday, September 25 from 6-8 PM at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road (4 Blocks East of Woodward) Royal Oak, MI 48067. A memorial mass will be held in Shirley's memory Saturday, September 26, 2015 at 10 AM at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 2100 Twelve Mile Road, Royal Oak, Michigan 48073. Memorials in Shirley's honor to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen or the Shrine Educational Fund. Please share a thought or memory with Shirley's family at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Visitation

SEP **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

### Memorial Mass

SEP **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ Shirley was a grand lady. I met her far too few times. She always had a smile and quick wit about her! I worked with her husband Vern for many years. Both of them were exceptional people. Kind. Positive. And a joy to be with. God keep them both!

*John Campbell*

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**John Campbell** - July 11, 2016 at 06:04 PM

JV

“ To the family,

*Aunt Shirley was a loving wife to Vern, a great Mom to Susan, Matt and Steve, a loving sister to Clarence, Jack, Barney and Donna!*

*She was a woman of strong faith with a life long commitment to volunteer work at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica.*

*She was loved by all and as she out lived my Father (her Brother) every time I saw her face (as there was such a strong resemblance) I saw my Dad staring back at me!*

*My Father, and Mother were life long friends with Shirley and Vern and they had many travel adventures together!*

*Aunt Shirley is the last of that generation to leave us! She will be in our prayers and greatly missed!*

*Sincerely,*

*John Varty*

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**John Varty** - September 25, 2015 at 10:07 AM

HV

“ *Aunt Shirley embodied powerful and positive energy. She was funny. She was the favorite aunt.* ”

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**helen varty** - September 20, 2015 at 11:39 AM