



## Shirley Marie LeDuc

November 15, 1932 - January 12, 2018

Shirley M. LeDuc, Age 85, a resident of Sterling Heights and formerly of Warren, passed away on Friday, January 12, 2018. Shirley was born November 15, 1932 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Shirley was a stay-at-home mom while raising her four children until the late 80s when she worked in registration at Macomb Community College for a brief time. Beloved wife, of 60 years to the late Harvey J. LeDuc. Loving mother to Denise (the late Anthony), Karen (Joe), Patricia (Bob) and Robert (Linda). Proud grandmother, of Tawn, Jessica (Dan), Megan, Michael and Melanie. Dear great-grandmother of Matthew and Emma Rose. Visitation Monday at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. (3 blks E. of Van Dyke), Utica 2-9 p.m. with Rosary at 7 p.m. Funeral service will be held Tuesday at noon at the funeral home. Please share a memory on the Tribute Wall at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com).

Shirley loved her family. While we thought as kids she was tough, we learned life-long lessons. Before we knew it, we were self-sufficient and learned the value of hard work. We heard all too often that we had better behave because even if she wasn't, "someone" was watching. It was enough to keep us out of trouble - most of the time.

She had a quick, wicked sense of humor that stayed with her to the end. Deanna, Kim, and Matilda, who loved and cared for mom for the last six

years, referred to her as "one of the good ones."

Mom made birthdays special, giving us our choice for dinner, followed by cake and ice cream with Auntie and Uncle and all our cousins. One thing she didn't make often was pie. One night, she surprised us with an apple pie to which dad quickly asked, "What's this?"

Christmas mornings we thought surely there was a Santa. Gifts wrapped under the tree extended across the floor. We learned much later, they were always hidden in the canoe - pulled up to the garage ceiling. Gifts would be bought while we were in school. Mom would come home, release the pulley, load up the gifts and pull that canoe back up to the ceiling. Brilliant!

She made life-long friends as a Cub Scout den mother. The boys' parents became close friends with mom and dad who would "Round Robin" every year at Christmas.

When her children were all grown, she accepted a position in registration at Macomb Community College. One of several registrars accepting student applications, it was fate that mom took Nick Stanovich's application to review. It was the day she learned she wasn't an only child. Nick's dad George and his sister Mildred were mom's step-brother and sister!

When dad retired in the early 90s, they took a long trip across the country to Alaska and back. Mom was the videographer as dad pulled their travel trailer. When they got home, we gathered to watch and "ohhhh and ahhhh" at the beautiful mountains. We soon did more laughing than ohhhhing and ahhhhing when all we heard was, "Harv, Harv - you are so close to edge!!" HARV! We laughed and wished "mute" was an option.

After Alaska, January to April mom and dad spent in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Dad had breakfast with the guys and mom ended up on the balcony in the warm sun. Marine Corp parades, Mardi Gras, pecan pancakes, seafood dinners with Marine Corp friends and Lamberts - home of the throwed roll (Google it...). When her kids and grandkids came down to visit, was her happiest.

She will be missed by many, but we are all sure dad was there to greet her with open arms. Dad truly loved mom and wasn't afraid to show it. I'm sure they are catching up on the multiple, short, rapid kisses that they so often shared.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road  
Holly Township, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 15. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Rosary

JAN 15. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
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Utica, MI 48317  
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## Funeral Service

JAN 16. 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Burial

JAN 18. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Very sorry to hear of the passing of Aunt Shirley today! I always thought the day I met Aunt Shirley in the late 80s, while signing up for college courses at MCCC, was some sort of divine intervention. I was in one of several long lines to sign up. I was really close to walking out and coming back another time because it was moving slowly but, I stuck it out. When I finally got to the front of the line to register, the computer in that line suddenly failed. I was thinking "you gotta be kidding me"! So, the woman there sent me to another line where nobody was tending the computer there. I was the only one in line there.

Just then, a woman came off of break and sat down at the computer in front of me. She took my application and stared at it briefly. She then asked me if that was the correct spelling of my last name. I said yes. She then said, "Stanovich", spelled the same, was her maiden name and the fact that she has hardly ever seen that name before. She then asked about my Father and told me she grew up around Warren, Ohio. I told her my Grandfather lived in Warren, Ohio at one time. She asked a couple more questions and then asked for my Father's phone and permission to call him. I said "absolutely!" I remember looking at her facial features to compare to my Father.

After I signed up, I walked to a pay phone (before cell phones) outside the registration area and called my Father. I told him in exact words, "Dad, I think you have a sister you don't know about. A lot of stuff we talked about matches up and she has the same nose as you! She is going to call you tonight." I know he was shocked. I remember driving home from the college that day thinking "wow" if they are really brother and sister, somebody "upstairs" made that chain of events happen today.

That night, Aunt Shirley called and met her brother she never knew she had and eventually her sister. I remember my Father called my Aunt Mildred that night and told her about Aunt Shirley. They were both elated!

*I am so glad they all got together!  
. Again, my condolences to the family.  
Nick Stanovich*

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**Nick Stanovich** - January 16, 2018 at 08:42 PM

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*Thank you for posting, Nick! The night I wrote mom's obit, I looked you up on FB, but wasn't sure any of the .Nick or Nicholas Stanovichs were you. Thank you for filling in the added details! It truly was a Devine intervention!*

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**Karen** - January 17, 2018 at 03:34 PM

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“ *Very sorry to hear of your loss. Praying that the Lord's peace and comfort surrounds your family at this difficult time.*

*Bill Duggan*

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**Bill Duggan** - January 15, 2018 at 05:45 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Shirley Marie LeDuc .*



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January 15, 2018 at 08:57 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Shirley Marie LeDuc .*



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January 14, 2018 at 10:45 AM



“ *Mr. & Mrs. Beleck, Mr. Borowy & Arlene , Mr. & Mrs. Bretz. Mrs Croke, Mrs. Dembinski, Mr. & Mrs. Egle, Mr & Mrs. Mannino, Mr. & Mrs Oakes, Mr & Sherry purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Shirley Marie LeDuc .*



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**Mr. & Mrs. Beleck, Mr. Borowy & Arlene , Mr. & Mrs. Bretz. Mrs Croke, Mrs. Dembinski, Mr. & Mrs. Egle, Mr & Mrs. Mannino, Mr. & Mrs Oakes, Mr & Sherry - January 13, 2018 at 11:13 AM**



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Marie LeDuc .*



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January 13, 2018 at 10:05 AM