



## Jeanette Alice Scheffler

August 26, 1926 - July 6, 2021

Jeanette Alice (Ramthun) Scheffler

94 years

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Jeanette Scheffler passed away peacefully surrounded by family in Harbor Springs, Michigan on Tuesday after a long life full of friendships. She had an unwavering faith in her Savior and always found a steadfast home in her church. She assumed the best in everyone and greeted all with a genuine and embracing smile and kindness. She was always our faithful and biggest cheerleader and loved to share all our major and minor accomplishments. Jeanette was born August 26, 1926, in Montague, Michigan, to the late Arthur E. and Alice (Yeager) Ramthun. Her father owned and farmed many acres in Claybanks, Oceana County. Her mother was a wonderful cook and homemaker. Jeanette, the eldest of three, graduated in 1944 from Montague High School and in 1948 from Western Michigan College, Kalamazoo. Her profession was occupational therapy. After graduation, she moved to Saginaw and worked for Easter Seals and Michigan Society for Crippled Children and Adults. Jeanette married Elmer E. Scheffler in 1952 in Saginaw and they had four children, John, Randy, Bonnie and Sue.

Jeanette was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Saginaw, where she and Elmer were co-chairpersons of the Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery Board.

She also served on the Holy Cross School Board, Senior Adult Ministry, and was instrumental in forming the Beyond These Walls program to broadcast Holy Cross weekly services on local radio. She and her husband owned and operated Four Seasons Tours for many years. In 2005 she moved in with her daughter Bonnie in Ann Arbor, especially enjoying fitness classes at the YMCA and volunteering for Washtenaw Literacy. In 2011 she moved close to her daughter Sue in Harbor Springs, cherishing her friendships at The Village of Hillside and receiving love and care at Pineview Cottage.

Jeanette was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer in 2000; son, Randy in 1967; and brother, James Ramthun in 2019. She is survived by three of her children, John (Sandra) Scheffler, Breckenridge, Colorado; Bonnie (David Bona) Scheffler, Ann Arbor; and Sue (Keith) McGlaughlin, Harbor Springs; two grandchildren, Russell (Shirley) Scheffler, Montague and Jamie (Brad) Bays, Breckenridge, Colorado; sister, Marguerite (Ramthun) Selgert-Behm, Grand Haven; five great-grandchildren, Maddison Bays, Jacob Hall, Samantha Scheffler, Raeley Bays and Andi Bays; and many nieces and nephews and dear friends. Jeanette donated her body to the Anatomical Donations program of the University of Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor.

Jeanette's memorial service was held at Zion Lutheran Church, Petoskey, MI. The Reverend Matthew Peters officiated. Jeanette will be laid to rest next to her husband Elmer and son Randy with a private family burial in Holy Cross Cemetery, Saginaw Township, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 600 Court St., Saginaw, MI 48602 and Zion Lutheran Church, 500 W. Mitchell St., Petoskey, MI 49770. Memories and sympathies of Jeanette may be shared with the family on her memorial website at [WakemanFuneralHome.com](http://WakemanFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## **Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery**

4700 Brockway Rd.  
Saginaw, MI 48638

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jeanette Alice Scheffler*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Jeanette Alice Scheffler*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *Family of Jeanette :*

*My condolences to all of you .She was a polite and good spirited person!*

*We shared 10 yrs of hard work and memories taking care of the bus,s at four seasons .*

*Some evenings after work we would sit on the bank of the river and share stories and plan the upcoming week . I will miss both of them !*

*Mark Kleinbriel  
Saginaw , Mi*



mark kleinbriel - July 15, 2021 at 10:11 AM



*Thanks so much for your kind words and sharing your memories. Four Seasons was such a big part of both of their lives.*

sue - July 15, 2021 at 12:33 PM

JM

“ There are not enough descriptive words for how your mom touched so many lives. Her faith was so much a part of her, it overflowed to all who were lucky enough to come in contact with Jeanette! The pain and sorrow of having her leave us should be balanced with the joy that she is with her Father and family in heaven. I will miss seeing you at family events Jeanette but I will always remember the peace you spread over those events.... Until I see you again..... ❤️

Judi Majeski - July 10, 2021 at 04:45 PM

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Hi Judi -- thank you so much for sharing. we hope we see you again before too long and we can share a hug for Mom.

Bonnie Scheffler (Bona) - July 15, 2021 at 12:29 PM

WB

“ Family of Jeanette:  
While I only met Sue a few years ago at Harbor Springs when my brother Harold and our spouses Lorna & Esther visited Jeanette, after our stay at Camp Arcadia, I knew about your family from snippets & some pictures sent to us by Jeanette.  
I, Waldemar worked for Elmer's construction company in Saginaw one summer when I could not find any other work & Elmer hired me for \$7.00 per hour when the most I had ever earned was \$3.00 per hour.. Jeanette was the pay-person from our time cards. :  
May your family be comforted that Jeanette is in heaven with her Savior, Jesus, where we all of you wilo still trust in Jesus for eternal life will meet each other..  
Waldemar & Lorna Bergdolt, Perryville, MO

Waldemar Bergdolt - July 10, 2021 at 12:44 PM

SU

Thank you, Waldemar! That visit was such a treat for Mom and Aunt Bea.

sue - July 15, 2021 at 12:34 PM



“ I REMEMBER JEANEETE WHEN SHE FRST MOVED TO SAGINAW AND STARTED WORKING THERE. NOBODY HAD EVER HEARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAY AT THAT TIME SO SHE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST. WE HAD A LOT OF FUN, EVEN CAME OVER TO MONTAGUE ONE TIME, I THINK THERE WERE ABOUT 5 OF OF US THAT HUNG AROND TOGETHER. MARGUARITE MIGHT REMEMBER SOME OF US. ii AM THE ONLY ONE LEFT OF THE GROUP, AND AM 94. A LOT OF FUN MEMORIES.

Dorothy Hughes - July 09, 2021 at 10:47 PM

SU

*What a delight to hear your story about our Mom. She was a lot of fun. I'll let Marguerite know we heard from you.*

sue - July 15, 2021 at 12:37 PM

NH

“ *Fond memories of Elmer and Jeanette at Holy Cross. She always took time to find out how you were doing. In 2002, she, along with Walter Halfmann, helped to lead a group from Holy Cross to Gettysburg and NYC on a bus trip to raise funds for Holy Cross School. Sympathies to her family and joy that she has joined the church triumphant!*

*In Christ,  
Norma Halfmann and Meredith Ackerman*

Norma Halfmann - July 09, 2021 at 07:24 PM

SU

*Thank you, Norma and Meredith! Holy Cross was so important to her and our father. Thanks for sharing the memories!*

sue - July 15, 2021 at 12:39 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Bonnie Scheffler (Bona) - July 09, 2021 at 06:42 PM

SC

“ Bonnie, I am so sorry for your loss, I have so many fond memories of your mom, well your parents, both at Holy Cross and the time I spent at your house! I am sending hugs and prayers your way.

Sherry Westphal Charbonneau - July 09, 2021 at 12:06 PM

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Sherry! Thank you so much. Saginaw was so long ago, but I remember really enjoying playing at your house, too.

Bonnie Scheffler (Bona) - July 09, 2021 at 06:31 PM