



Mrs. Joyce A. Sheppard

November 2, 1947 - March 7, 2020

Sheppard, Mrs. Joyce A.

Saginaw, Michigan

Joyce passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, March 7, 2020, at the age of 72 years. Joyce Ann (Tessin) Sheppard was born on November 2, 1947, in Saginaw, Michigan, to Alvin and Grace (Phillips) Tessin. She was brought into God's kingdom through baptism at St. John Lutheran Church, Hemlock on January 4, 1948. She was confirmed, also at St. John, on May 1, 1961. Joyce was married to Gilbert O. Sheppard on November 2, 1968. Prior to her retirement, Joyce had worked for Ma-Bell as an operator, and had also worked with her husband in his vacuum business until 2012. She was an active member of Christ Lutheran Church, Saginaw (Shields). Joyce is survived by her husband of 51 years, Gilbert; her son and his wife, Pastor Michael (Susan) Sheppard of Ripon, WI; and her daughter and her husband, Jennifer (John) Henderson of Yuma, AZ. She is also survived by one brother, Bill Tessin; sisters Vivian (Ken) Nesbit, Marilyn (Larry) Fritz, and Sandy (Karl) Knoblock; and many other extended family members and dear friends. Joyce was predeceased by two infant children, Gilbert Sheppard Jr. and Ginger Lynn Sheppard; her parents, Alvin and Grace Tessin; and a grandnephew, Joshua Huggard; brother-in-law, Paul Burgess, Jr. The Celebration of Joyce's Eternal Life will begin with a visitation from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at Christ Lutheran Church, 8795 Ederer Road in Shields. The Rev. Joshua Becker will officiate the funeral and committal services beginning

at 11:00 a.m. In accordance with family wishes, cremation will follow her services. Joyce's remains will be laid to rest in Roselawn Memorial Gardens at a later date. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to express their love and sympathies may consider memorial contributions to Christ Lutheran Church. Memories and sympathies of Joyce may be shared with the family on her memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

950 N. Center Rd.
Saginaw, MI 48638

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Lutheran Church - Shields
8795 Ederer Road
Saginaw, MI 48609

Funeral and Committal Services

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Joyce A. Sheppard*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Mrs. Joyce A. Sheppard*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *Gil, Jenny and Michael:*

We were so sorry to hear of Joyce's passing. We think of you guys often. Especially when we go to the fairgrounds for an event or go to the Midland Fair. We always looked forward to seeing you guys whenever the fair came along. It was always fun to talk to you guys and share the challenges of small business and family relationships. We will be praying for your family. It's good to know that Joyce is enjoying those beautiful streets of gold in Heaven now and that we will be seeing her again there.

Steve and Melodie Marquiss

Steve & Melodie Marquiss - March 10, 2020 at 07:36 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce A. Sheppard.*



March 09, 2020 at 08:55 PM