



## Sheila (Berkobien) Rector

June 18, 1960 - September 21, 2022

Sheila M. (Berkobien) Rector  
Saginaw Twp., Michigan

Sheila Berkobien Rector was born to Glen Berkobien and Ruth (Frick) Berkobien on June 18, 1960, and passed into the arms of her Lord on the rainy morning of September 21, 2022. Sheila attended Arthur Hill High School, and later graduated from SVSU. She used her degree in Social Work by assisting those in need of a hand up; offering drug and alcohol therapy at the DOT Caring Center, from which she retired. She was a longtime member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Saginaw. Sheila enjoyed golf. She also loved making and selling her beautiful creations at craft shows. But EVERYTHING took a back seat to football, especially “every cotton-pickin’ Maize ‘n Blue minute” of University of Michigan Football.

Left to grieve Sheila’s loss are her mother, Ruth Berkobien; her brother, Brian (and Sandy) Berkobien; and one daughter, Morgan (and Ross) Varadi; along with grandchildren Karleigh and Rayce Varadi. She also leaves her uncle, Martin (and Carole) Frick; and a niece, Morgan Wetters (Jordan Kwapis). She was predeceased by her grandparents, Ernest and Elva Frick, and Edward and Selma Berkobien, as well as her constant companion, Max the cat. Sheila’s dad, Glen, also went on before her, and has--by the grace of God--taken her by the hand in their heavenly reward.

Per her wishes, Sheila has been cremated and her Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, November 6, 2022, at Wakeman Funeral Home, 1218 N. Michigan Ave., in Saginaw. Friends are welcome to visit with the family from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The Rev. William H. Hessler will officiate her memorial service at 4:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, Sheila would be pleased to have memorials in her name sent to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Memories and sympathies of Sheila may be shared with the family on her memorial website at [WakemanFuneralHome.com](http://WakemanFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 6. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.  
1218 N. Michigan Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48602  
(989) 752-8531  
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## Memorial Service

NOV 6. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CM

“*Sheila was a Dear friend of mine from Holy Cross. I met my husband through Sheila. She was my maid of honor for my wedding. We lost track of each other as I moved to Florida. We got back in touch with each other some years back and spoke on the phone often. I'll miss the phone calls. There were many miles between us but we were only a phone call away. We spoke about everything and had Many laughs. Ruth, Brian and family you have my sympathies. I Miss and will Always Miss My Dear Friend Sheila.*  
*Cindy Mitchell*  
*Jupiter Florida*

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**Cindy (List) Mitchell** - November 06, 2022 at 08:35 AM

SC

“*I just heard of Sheila's passing, I am so sorry for your loss Mrs. Berkobien and Brian. We had some great times at Holy Cross Lutheran School/Youth Group and Church.*

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**Sherry Westphal Charbonneau** - October 03, 2022 at 03:49 PM

CC

“*So very sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I remember Sheila hanging out with my sister at times and remember going to the house when they lived in the neighborhood.*

*Christine (Shaft) Cronkright*

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**Christine Cronkright** - September 24, 2022 at 08:06 AM

TR

“*I remember her from high school and had fun with her at out 40th reunion. RIP my friend. Prayer to her family.*

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**Teri Rebstock** - September 23, 2022 at 10:20 PM

DB

“ I've known Sheila since grade school at Holy Cross , we had several sleep overs . Any time I would run into her at craft shows we would sit and talk for quite a while. We were supposed to get together and go for lunch, I guess that will have to wait now. My prayers go out to her family .May God comfort you and give you the hope of knowing you will see her again in heaven! Diane (George) Buckley.

Diane (george) Buckley - September 23, 2022 at 08:54 PM



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Rodney Wakeman - September 23, 2022 at 12:20 PM



Our lives began at John Moore Grade School for kindergarten, then we went through Holy Cross Lutheran School and finished up at Arthur Hill High School together. I can say that Sheila and I have been life-long friends. She will be deeply missed. God's Blessings to Ruth and Brian and their extended families.  
Brian Wakeman

Rodney Wakeman - September 23, 2022 at 12:25 PM

RB

Love this photo. Thank you!

Ruth Berkobien - September 23, 2022 at 12:39 PM

JS

Rest in Peace, Sheila B.

John Strecker - September 23, 2022 at 02:07 PM

CM

*LOVED this day with friends*

**Cindy (List) Mitchell** - November 06, 2022 at 08:36 AM

TH

“ *I just heard about Sheila’s passing and, of course, am saddened for Ruth and her family, but I can’t help but rejoice in Sheila’s perfect healing in heaven and envy the joy her soul must be experiencing right now in the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May her caring example continue to shine in our hearts until our Savior also calls us to Himself in heaven.*

*Pastor Tim Huber*

**Tim Huber** - September 22, 2022 at 02:08 PM

RB

*Thank you Pastor for the kind words*

**Ruth Berkobien** - September 23, 2022 at 12:27 PM

JG

“ *SHEILA WAS ONE OF MY FAVORITE PEOPLE I WORKED WITH AT DOT YOU WILL BE MISSED.*  
*JANICE GRIGSBY*

**JANICE GRIGSBY** - September 22, 2022 at 01:30 PM

RB

*Thank you for the kind words Janice*

**Ruth Berkobien** - September 23, 2022 at 12:31 PM

JE

“ *Sheila was so very special. I have missed her since I left DOT so many years ago. I was very grateful for the invitation to Thanksgiving dinner one year. I am sure that she is brightening Paradise with her humor. My prayers for you all in your loss.*

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**John Evans** - September 22, 2022 at 12:59 PM

RB

*Thank you John, Sheila was and always will be my heart.*

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**Ruth Berkobien** - September 23, 2022 at 12:33 PM

NL

“ *Norma Leonard-Horny lit a candle in memory of Sheila (Berkobien) Rector*



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**Norma Leonard-Horny** - September 22, 2022 at 12:31 PM

RB

*Thank you for your careing thought*

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**Ruth Berkobien** - September 23, 2022 at 12:34 PM

HB

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers to your family.*

*Holly (Prudhomme) Bloedel*



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**Holly Bloedel** - September 22, 2022 at 11:29 AM

JR

*We are so sorry to hear of her passing. We will keep everyone in our thoughts and prayers during this time of sorrow.*

*Janice (Nieman) and George Ross*

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**Janice ross** - September 22, 2022 at 03:43 PM

RB

*Thank you so much.*

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**Ruth Berkobien** - September 23, 2022 at 12:38 PM

EF

*We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time.*

*Bruce and Betty Fry*

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**Elizabeth J Fry** - September 23, 2022 at 01:37 PM

JL

*We'll miss seeing Shelia at the store and antique shows. So sorry for your loss, Ruth and the family.*

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**Joseph LaDrig** - September 24, 2022 at 11:49 AM

AW

*I am not sure I can find the right words at this time. Sheila was one of my closest friends in high school and young adult life. Time lost that can not be recovered. Prayers for the family and close friends!*

*Amy Mitzel-Wilson*

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**Amy Wilson** - September 26, 2022 at 07:42 AM

KS

*I am devastated...I loved sheila so much..she was a happy place for me. Even though we did not see each other much we could talk and pick up right where we left off every time! My friend always, my sister from another mother. The times we had together will always be in my heart. We were definitely 2 peas in a pod. There will be an empty space in my heart now but I will think of her often....and smile because i will remember everything we did and said to each other that no one else could possibly find any humor in but us crazies! Ruth.....I am so so so sorry for this loss. Hugs and Prayers for you and your family.*

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**Kim Sabol** - September 26, 2022 at 01:04 PM