



Mrs. Shirley M. Bruns

April 2, 1936 - August 25, 2014

Bruns, Mrs. Shirley M.
Saginaw, Michigan

Our Mom was welcomed into Heaven after a 10-month battle with cancer on August 25, 2014. She passed away peacefully at home surrounded by all of her family. For seven straight days the family was there for her at her side. Special thanks to Shirley's daughter-in-law, Ashley, for keeping Mom comfortable throughout her last few days until her passing, also to four special family members, Megan, Sage, Glen and Brett. We know she was embraced in Heaven by our Savior Jesus Christ. Mom was there for us whenever or wherever we needed her. Throughout our lives she was there cheering from the sidelines at all of our sporting events or whatever we participated in. She loved spending time at the U.P. cottage and visiting with friends and relatives. Mom was an avid Detroit Tigers fan. Her grandchildren were the joy of her life. She loved all of them with all of her heart, and they loved her just as much. She will be missed dearly.

On May 28, 1955, Shirley Mae Fries was married to John A. Bruns at St. James Lutheran Church in Saginaw. They had shared a loving 59 years together. John survives her. She is also survived by her three sons and their spouses, Jay (Kimberly) Bruns; Michael (Ashley) Bruns; James (Karen) Bruns; her loving grandchildren, Michael, Kacey, Jacob, Madison, Kenneth,

Kristin, Rachael and James; brother, Ron (Sally) Fries; sisters, Margaret (Ray) Piwowarski and Sharon (Larry) Lacy; also several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, Duane Fries.

A private family committal service will take place at a later date in Spaulding Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Michigan. Memories and sympathies of Shirley may be shared with the family on her memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Spaulding Township Cemetery

5636 Cole Road
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Shirley M. Bruns*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Mrs. Shirley M. Bruns*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *Thank you everyone for your thoughts and prayers. It is much appreciated. We all missed her on Christmas but we know that she celebrated in heaven! - The Bruns family*

Kacey Bruns - December 26, 2014 at 06:35 PM



“ *Dear Sharon , Larry and the entire family of Shirley. I am so sorry for your loss. She is an angel now.....with no pain to suffer through. I will always remember her beautiful smile, when attending physical therapy at HealthSource..... What a Blessing you and the family were for her during these trying days. God Bless All of you.*



Julie Dobos LPTS HealthSource PT Dept - August 31, 2014 at 09:22 PM

MS

“ Dear John and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the boys.
I have many great memories working as a volunteer with Shirley at Maher. She was a hard working volunteer. She always had a smile on her face working with the students.
We also enjoyed her at the baseball games that our boys played in. She will be sadly missed by everyone!

Russ and Marti Sageman and family!!

Marti Sageman - August 31, 2014 at 07:14 PM

MK

“ To Junior, Jay, Mike and Jimmy and their families. May we extend our sincere
condolances to you and we have our many memories of all the fun we had at
the ball games, dances and township get to gethers. I will always remember
our friendship. Our prayers are with you all and your families.
Karl and Marsha Klein and family

Marsha Klein - August 31, 2014 at 10:13 AM

JW

“ Jay, Mike, Jimmy and families.... Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Keep your chins up, and know she is with God. Love you guys. Jim Wrona and family

Jim Wrona - August 31, 2014 at 09:10 AM

BA

“ She fought the battle of Cancer with full steam ahead. This dreadful disease can damage cells but it never damaged her spirit. So thankful for the last time I visited with my dear cousin; John made us coffee and we had the best donuts ever...yes I ate 2 of them. Lots of good memories in growing up, and in the later years when we would get together for cousin's luncheons, and the Fries reunion. Your beautiful smile, kind heart, and hugs will always be remembered. Life is fragile and we never know when our end is near. We must treat every day special. Love to all the family. Cousin Bernadine

Bernadine Ayres - August 31, 2014 at 07:05 AM

EB

“ To John, Jay, Mike, Jim and all of the family- We will never forget what a wonderful friend and helpful person Shirley was. She helped with our family as the kids grew up. She will be sadly missed, but we look forward to seeing her again in heaven!
-Ella Bovee and her kids: Beth, Steve, Jeff, Julie, Mike Andrea and Bryon

Ella Bovee - August 30, 2014 at 10:04 AM

JT

“ To John, Jay, Mike, Jim and all the rest of your families, Sandy and I are very sorry to hear of your loss of Shirley. I'm so honored to have known Shirley for over 40 years, she was a kind, loving, caring person. I have always thought of Shirley as my 2nd mom, she was a very special lady. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. We are sending everyone our sincere condolences from Fort Kent, Maine. Shirley will be dearly missed but never forgotten, her memories will always live on. R I P Shirley, God Bless!! Jeffrey Tagget & Sandy Ouellette - Fort Kent, Maine

Jeffrey Tagget - August 29, 2014 at 09:21 PM

DB

“ To Shirley's family, You are in our thoughts and prayers. Neighbors for over 30 years, we watched all the boys grow up along with our 3 boys. Lot's of memories though the years. God bless all of you.



Barbara Young and Diana Bommarito

Diana Bommarito - August 29, 2014 at 03:54 PM

DF

“ I always say Aunt Shirley and my Mom Sally are the two toughest ladies I know and Aunt Shirley proved I was right. She put up a good fight right to the end. I am going to miss her very much. Love all of you guys! Dawn Fries

dawn fries - August 29, 2014 at 02:51 PM

CC

“ My condolences to Jay and Kim and the whole Family. Thoughts and prayers for You Guys. Its been a bad year for All of Us.

Craig Chobad - August 28, 2014 at 09:39 PM

KL

“ My deepest sympathy to your family.
Kristin Lipinski

Kristin Lipinski - August 28, 2014 at 09:18 PM

JW

Sending along our sympathy on the death of Shirley. May God bless you and let you know she is in the arms of the Lord. David, Jan, Brian. Brad and Beth Wiles

Jan Wiles - August 30, 2014 at 10:18 AM

BL

“ To John, Jay, Mike, Jim and the rest of the family...Jerri and I are very sorry for your loss. I'll always remember Shirley fondly and feel blessed that I had the pleasure of knowing her...she will be missed! Just know you are all in our thoughts and prayers out here in Oklahoma City. Shirley was always good to me growing up; she was a kind, loving and giving person. It's difficult to see our loved ones going through life's challenges; it's even harder to let them go but take comfort in knowing she's in a better place.

Brent & Jerri LaFreniere

Brent LaFreniere - August 28, 2014 at 09:17 PM