



## Shirley M. Ruhlig

December 27, 1936 - June 17, 2020

Mrs. Shirley M. Ruhlig  
Saginaw, Michigan

Shirley Margaret Ruhlig (nee Kelly) passed on June 17, 2020, peacefully, surrounded by her family. Shirley was born December 27, 1936, to Howard and Margaret Kelly. Raised in Saginaw, Michigan, she married Robert Ruhlig on August 20, 1955. During their 53 years together, they enjoyed many adventures while traveling the world as owners of Sundquist Travel. Above all, Shirley enjoyed spending time at her Higgins Lake cottage. She was loved by many within the community to whom she sold Avon and by those who knew her through her business, Classic II Estates. Shirley was also a devoted member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Shirley is survived by three children; Marna (Jim) Ross, Brenda (Mike) Wolpert and Matt (Gina) Ruhlig. Also grandchildren; Aaron (Molly) Smith, Allison (Nick) Gillespie, Amy (Scott) Czekaj, Kurt Wolpert, Meghan (Chris) Henning, Mia, Lucy and Gabby Ruhlig and great-grandchildren Brady, Brenna, Declan and Abigail Smith, Griffin Gillespie, Andrew Czekaj and Pierce Henning. Shirley's greatest treasure was her family.

Also mourning are her sister, Barbara (Charles) Roth, in-laws, Glenn (Barbara) Ruhlig, and many nieces and nephews. Shirley was predeceased

by her husband Bob, parents Howard and Margaret and brother Robert Kelly.

Funeral service will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 808 Weiss, Saginaw, Michigan, on Monday, June 29, 2020, at 11:00 a.m., with the family present starting at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Michael Korte will officiate with burial to follow in Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Those wishing to express their love, sympathies and memories of Shirley may share them with the family on her memorial website at [WakemanFuneralHome.com](http://WakemanFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery

3356 Hermansau Road  
Saginaw, MI 48603

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

JUN **29**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
808 Weiss St.  
Saginaw, MI 48602

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# Tribute Wall



“ Shirley M. Ruhlig

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ Shirley M. Ruhlig

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shirley M. Ruhlig.



June 27, 2020 at 12:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley M. Ruhlig.



June 26, 2020 at 07:07 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley M. Ruhlig.*



June 26, 2020 at 09:33 AM



“ *The Kelly family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Shirley M. Ruhlig.*



**The Kelly family** - June 24, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ *My sympathy to all of Shirley's family---she was such a fine lady. God bless you all.*  
*Doris Braman*

**Doris M. Braman** - June 22, 2020 at 01:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley M. Ruhlig.*



June 20, 2020 at 01:27 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley M. Ruhlig.



June 20, 2020 at 12:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley M. Ruhlig.



June 20, 2020 at 12:53 PM



“ I am so sorry to see of Shirley's passing. What a great lady she was. My former mother-in-law Marge Halas and Shirley's mom Margaret were good friends and that friendship spilled over to me and my daughter Michelle. Last saw Shirley at an event at the Temple Theatre. It was always so good to catch up on what was going on in our lives. Sure will miss her.



Sylvia (Halas) Reimus - June 19, 2020 at 10:30 PM



Shirley and I were classmates at arthur Hill, graduated together 1955. I would see her thru out the community at art festivals, concerts, antique sales. She always had a smile. Sorry I wasn't more diligent about making lunch plans. Miss you Shirley. So shocked.

Jane Asmus Hohensee - June 20, 2020 at 08:11 AM

KB

*Shirley was our "up north" buddy. Her cottage was a hub for family, fun and campfires. To say Shirley loved her family was an understatement. Right about now, Up there, Shirley is yelling, "it's 5 'O Clock Somewhere."*

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**Kris Bellenbaum** - June 20, 2020 at 09:53 AM

PH

*Dear Matt and family, I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I know my mom really enjoyed the time they spent together over the past several years. Your mom was always up for fun! My mom is going to miss her dearly. I hope you can all find some solace in the wonderful memories you have of her. With deep sympathy, Piper Hackett*

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**Piper Hackett** - June 20, 2020 at 12:30 PM

DS

*Marna, Brenda, and Matt:  
We are so sorry that you have lost Shirly, and are heartbroken to know we will not see her again. We tried to see her every time we were in Saginaw, because each visit was an uplifting experience; she had the gift of letting everyone know that they were important to her. We look forward to the day when the vast well of happy memories she gave us will push away our current sorrow. Until then, we hope that she and Bob are enjoying a Moscow Mule together and having a good laugh.  
- David Stringer and Kevin Jumbeck*

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**David Stringer** - June 20, 2020 at 01:17 PM

MM

*Brenda and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Have comfort knowing that she is always with you, and keep those great memories of her close to your heart.  
- Mark and Carol Murray*

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**Mark Murray** - June 23, 2020 at 09:12 AM

MW

*Dear Barb: So sorry to hear of your sister's passing. Shirley and I would bump into each other at events, estate sales and the store. Our friendship actually began when we had sleepover's at the house in Carrollton and attending Bethlehem Lutheran School.*

*Mary Lou Zinck Wilson - Frankenmuth*

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**Mary Lou Wilson** - June 23, 2020 at 07:06 PM

JS

*Marna, Brenda and Matt, I am saddened to hear of your mothers passing. I have many fond memories of her from our childhood years. may you be comforted with happy memories.*

*Jane (Schrader) Stage*

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**jane stage** - June 27, 2020 at 02:29 PM

GB

*Just learned of Shirley's passing. Knew her from estate sales and dr,s office. What a truly wonderful and classy lady. She will be truly missed by all. Gods blessings to the family*

*A friend ,Gail Baker*

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**Gail Baker** - August 25, 2020 at 09:38 PM