



Maxine Ann Hitchings

February 22, 1931 - January 23, 2025

Maxine Ann Hitchings of Shelby Township, Michigan passed away peacefully January 23, 2025 at the age of 93.

Maxine was born on February 22, 1931 to Ralph and Celena Denton in Flint, Michigan. She graduated from Flint Central High School in 1949.

Maxine met her future husband and best friend, Tom Hitchings, in elementary school. He proposed to her at the age of 12, and eventually they married on September 6, 1952. They were married for 42 years, and after Tom passed away Maxine moved to Port Huron, Michigan to be closer to family.

Maxine worked as a secretary for 40 years, and volunteered at Blue Water Hospice and worked at McLaren Hospital Gift Shop.

She was predeceased by her parents Ralph and Celena Denton, her husband Tom Hitchings, sister Betty Deal, brother Ralph Denton, son-in-law James Petz, and granddaughter Rebecca Wilson. She is survived by her children; Linda Wilson, Karen Petz, Kerry Hitchings (MaryJo) and Janet Crawford (Rob). Grandchildren, Bradley Wilson, Gregory Wilson, April DeMara (Mark), Thomas Petz (Christina), Casey Petz (Lauren), Heidi Koch (Michael), Christine Campbell (Tony), John Hitchings (Colleen), Joseph Crawford (Elizabeth), Betsy Weissman (Nicholas), and Adam Crawford (Emily). Maxine

cherished her great grandchildren; Rocco Wilson, Giuliana Wilson, Madeleine Petz, Aidan Petz, Katie DeMara, Carlie DeMara, Nolen Petz, Finley Petz, Natalie Campbell, Jocelyn Campbell, JJ Hitchings, Adelaide Crawford, Bradley Crawford, Clara Weissman, Anna Weissman, Lucy Brewer, and Violet Brewer. Maxine also leaves behind her sister, Helen Eitel, sister-in-law Janice Denton, sister-in-law Sally Phippen (Richard), and several nieces and nephews.

Maxine lived life to the fullest, and treasured spending time with family and friends. She was actively involved in her church, past president of the Port Huron Musicale, past president of Women's Life Chapter 10, member of the Salvation Army Auxiliary, and the GG Club. She also enjoyed traveling, taking care of her flower garden, spending time on the beach, and watching sailboats and freighters cruise along Lake Huron.

A Celebration of Life will take place on February 22, 2025. Visitation will be at the Wasik Funeral Home, 49150 Schoenherr Rd, Shelby Township, Michigan 48315 from 9:30-10:30 am with a service immediately following. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to be made to McLaren Hospice, 1411 3rd Street, Suite C, Port Huron, Michigan, 48060.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB **22**. 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
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Shelby Township, MI 48315
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Memorial Service

FEB **22**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ When Maxine moved in next door to me in Shelby Township, she was first my neighbor and then my friend. We shared many a bowl of twist ice cream from the Custard Spot and often traded bananas when hers became too ripe for her and I had just bought fresh ones. :) When she was still able to get around without oxygen, she would amble over to my house to see what I was up to in my garden, always with a kind and helpful comment. I am going to miss her smile and kindness. She was my friend.
Priscilla Mangold

Priscilla Mangold - February 22, 2025 at 09:40 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Maxine Ann Hitchings.



February 21, 2025 at 09:06 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Maxine Ann Hitchings.

February 21, 2025 at 09:06 AM



“ 97 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - February 14, 2025 at 04:41 PM

JK

“ Maxine was my neighbor at Little Turtle Condominiums 1986 to 1990. We met and became instant friends. We biked and walked the area as often as we could as we both worked so weekends we did our cycling. At that time it was mostly woods which made the rides most pleasant. We joined water aerobics in the summers and had a ball. Maxine had a great sense of humor and her laugh was contagious. I remember her love of her children and grandchildren. Her basement was her crafting room and it was full of gifts she was making for all of them. Then the grandchildren numbered only 7 or 8. The numbers grew dramatically. I dearly loved Maxine. We stayed in contact all these years first through AOL email. Then her computer broke and I could no longer reach her except by phone and snail mail. I had married in 1990 and moved to the Caribbean for many years, but we always managed to stay in touch. Recently, she got an I-phone and I was able to send her photos of Arizona where we moved to be close to my daughter.. I thank her daughter for sending me the last photo of Maxine. I love it.(not the one above) She looks as sweet as ever in her track suit. Rest in peace dearest friend.



June Kassel - February 07, 2025 at 03:31 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Maxine Ann Hitchings.



February 06, 2025 at 07:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Maxine Ann Hitchings.

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“ Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Maxine Ann Hitchings.



Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren - February 06, 2025 at 07:18 PM

MK

“ My condolences to the Hitchings family. Maxine came into our lives after my mother died 29 years ago. She was a great help to my father, Bob Krohmer. A nice friendship developed. His three kids lived out of state and Maxine helped the Krohmer family in many ways over the years. After Maxine moved, I tried to keep in contact with her periodically, either by card or phone calls. I knew Maxine was on 24-hour oxygen and am comforted that she is no longer in pain and is at peace with her beloved Tom.

Mark Krohmer

Mark Krohmer - February 04, 2025 at 10:30 AM

DM

“ My condolences to Maxine’s family and friends. Maxine and I met at church and we became friends. We had many fun lunches, CVS shopping trips, and wonderful conversations. Maxine was a wonderful person. She was always looking for the bright side of things. I am going to truly miss her!

Debbie McPeek - January 29, 2025 at 03:12 PM