



Shirley A. Ruhlman

September 13, 1932 - May 22, 2025

Shirley Ann Hausfeld Ruhlman, 92, of Algonac (formerly New Baltimore), passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital. Shirley, the youngest of 10 children, was born on September 13, 1932 to the late John and Mary Annette (Will) Hausfeld.

Shirley attended and graduated from St. James School in Ferndale. She also attended and graduated from the LPN nursing program at St. Clair County Community College. She married her high school sweetheart, Robert Everett “Whitey” Ruhlman on January 23, 1952. Together they had 14 children. Shirley spent much of her life raising her brood. She was fun, funny, creative, thoughtful, kind and she never recoiled from hard work. She had a strong sense of adventure demonstrated when she and her sister, Marion, embarked on a road trip to Alaska in their 60s. Shirley looked for the good in everything and everyone. She was a devout Catholic all of her life and her faith was very important to her.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Bob, infant daughter, Joy, and son-in-law, Gary Orczykowski. She is survived by her children: Jeannie (Tim Boudreau), Jerry (Iris), Therese (Gary Orczykowski), Julie (Leif Wolf), Jeff (Patricia), John (Mary), Joe (Addie), Jay (Jackie), Jim (Stella), Janet (Harold Haslett), Jennifer (Jill Thomas), Jessica Konefke and Jacqueline (Tom Majer). She is also survived by 32 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren (2 on the

way) and

3 great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial funeral mass will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Catherine Catholic Church, 1103 Washington, Algonac. Additional visitation will be at the church from 10:30 a.m. until the time of the service. Final resting place will be at the Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 10:30 AM (ET)

St Catherine Catholic Church
1103 Washington St
Algonac, MI 48001
(810) 765-3568

Memorial

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Catherine Catholic Church
1103 Washington Street
Algonac, MI 48001

Tribute Wall



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

June 20, 2025 at 12:16 AM



“ With Love, Marge Sertyn & Bardell Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Shirley A. Ruhlman.



With Love, Marge Sertyn & Bardell Family - June 19, 2025 at 09:00 AM



“ With Love, Marge Sertyn & Bardell Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley A. Ruhlman.

With Love, Marge Sertyn & Bardell Family - June 19, 2025 at 09:00 AM



“ The Joe (Beaver) Ruhlman Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Shirley A. Ruhlman.



The Joe (Beaver) Ruhlman Family - June 19, 2025 at 07:52 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley A. Ruhlman.



June 17, 2025 at 08:30 PM



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

June 17, 2025 at 08:30 PM



“ James and Megan Roddy purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Shirley A. Ruhlman.



James and Megan Roddy - June 04, 2025 at 05:59 PM



“ James and Megan Roddy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley A. Ruhlman.

James and Megan Roddy - June 04, 2025 at 05:59 PM

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“ I am so happy to have met Shirley. I enjoyed spending a little time getting to know her. Shirley and I would call each other now and then. Such a funny lady, she laughed often. Told me stories of her husband Bobby, the ‘kids.’ She told me she was looking forward to having her yard grown tomatoes again. So sweet. I’m also happy to have met some of her family - as nice as her. She always made me smile. I will miss you Shirley.

Cathy and Riley

cathy lynn - May 24, 2025 at 01:49 PM