



Sherlee Mauch

October 17, 1926 - June 10, 2016

Sherlee Jane (Hoepner) Mauch was born October 17, 1926, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Louis and Grace Hoepner. The eldest of four children, she grew up in the town of Mayville, Wisconsin, where she met Eugene W. Mauch. Their high school romance led to a loving marriage which began August 14, 1948 and continued happily for 64 years. Sherlee received her degree from Columbia School of Nursing in Milwaukee, and soon after assumed her role as a young wife and (eventually) mother of four children. She raised their children in households throughout the Midwest until in 1959, the family settled permanently on Grosse Ile, Michigan, and Gene established his practice in obstetrics and gynecology in the Detroit area. After 23 years, Sherlee and Gene moved to East Lansing, Michigan, where Gene was an associate professor at MSU. He and Sherlee then retired to Harbor Springs, where they lived until moving to Freedom Village, Holland, Michigan in the fall of 2005. While on Grosse Ile and after, Sherlee achieved a long and diverse career as a volunteer. She used her nurse's training as a Crisis Hotline responder in Wayne County. She worked at an art gallery in Windsor, Ontario and in a hospital gift shop in Petoskey, Michigan. As a member of the Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church, she participated in Inner City mission work for children and families. These and many other organizations benefited from her talents and dedication. Sherlee's interest in needlework led her to quilting, which became a passion and the source of many treasured friendships. She was a founding member of the Crosstown Patchers, and a member of the Capital

City Quilt Guild and the Little Traverse Bay Quilt Guild. She assisted in the restoration and curating of quilts at MSU and the Henry Ford Museum. Sherlee mentored fellow quilters through classes and projects, generously offering her creative eye and technical talents. In addition to quilts made for her family, she donated countless hours joining friends to create quilts used as fund-raising for a variety of causes. The most recent of these were donated in support of the Scholarship Fund at Freedom Village. Sherlee will be dearly missed by her loving family: her sisters, Ann (Ed) Hughes of Hendersonville, NC; Ellen (Jim) Berg of Mineral Wells, TX; her son Chuck (Char) Mauch of Caseville, MI; and daughters Debra Dean of Eugene, OR, and Amy (Greg) Ferguson of Hoover, AL. Her legacy includes seven grandchildren: Chris (Daliana) and Scott Mauch, Jessica (Gregg) Sanders, Marissa (Brian) Simard, Stephen Dean, Emily and Ryan Ferguson; and two great-grandchildren, Noah and Mia Sanders. We are all better for her guidance and influence in our lives. A private family service is being planned. Memorial contributions may be given to:

-Freedom Village Scholarship Fund

145 Columbia Avenue

Holland, MI 49423; -Salvation Army-Holland, MI Corps

104 Clover Avenue

Holland, MI 49423

<http://saholland.org> -Lake Louise

11037 Thumb Lake Rd.

Boyne Falls, MI 49713

www.lakelouisecommunity.org

Tribute Wall



“ *Sherlee Mauch*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"All of mom's friends were so dear to her. Thank you for being a part of her life!"*

Amy Ferguson - July 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I'll always be thankful that I had Sherlee as a friend. She shared so much of her knowledge of quilting with us Crosstown Patchers; but beyond that she shared her wonderful sense of humor, her hospitality and her wisdom. I always admired her organizational skills. I will always miss her and I send my sincere sympathy to her family."*

Barbara Gorno - June 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Sherlee was one of God's marvelous creatures. I was privileged to call her my friend and mentor for nearly 40 years. She had a special talent for bringing people together in ways to brighten the lives of others. I have so many wonderful memories of great fun times with Sherlee and I'll miss her forever. My sincere condolences to the family."*

Maggie Robbins - June 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“*Dear, dear Sherlee, a fabulous friend for at least 55 + years. So many memories: gatherings, parties, baking, wine tasting (with she and Gene), Thanksgiving dinners, birthday dinners, lunches, weddings, tears, sharing, long talks and lots of laughs, so many laughs. There will never be another quite like her. She had very strong opinions and wasn't afraid to voice them. I didn't always agree with her, but I have always loved her. Gosh I'll miss her!*”

Lois McLaren Mikos - June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“*It was an honor and privilege to know Sherlee even though it wasn't as long as the other Crosstown Patchers. Great times at Saravilla and the lake when us quilters got together. Sherlee never complained and always looked on the bright side of things and was always thankful for the many things in her life. Her marriage to Gene was very special. They were truly "in love". She was first class and I will always have a place in my heart for Sherlee.*”

Linda Veresh - June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“*Sherlee gave her friends endless hours of laughter and wisdom. Our many days at Magic on the Lake will forever be a special memory for the Crosstown Patchers. I will always treasure the swims we had along with our long talks while in the lake. I will miss so my friend. Love Nova*”

Nova Schleicher - June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM