



## Shirley Swaney

June 24, 1931 - June 28, 2017

Shirley Anne Swaney, age 86, passed away Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at her beloved cottage "Morning Glory" at Macatawa, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her parents, Marian and Russel Swaney, former husbands Gar Meadowcroft and Gene Eyler, brother Rusty Swaney and nephew Billy Swaney. Shirley is survived by her children; Scott (Gail) Meadowcroft, Greg (Marlene) Meadowcroft and Julie (Charlie) Harrett; grandchildren, Colin Meadowcroft, Sydney Meadowcroft, Robin (Kyle)MacKillop, Sophie Meadowcroft, Porter Harrett and Coye Harrett; sister-in-law Jean Swaney and siblings Sandy (Cort) Lecklider, Bill (Nancy) Swaney and Dick (Terry) Swaney; along with numerous nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Shirley earned a BA in Education from Michigan State University and had a degree in Holistic Health from Western Michigan University. She was always active in many outdoor sports along with teaching aerobics, fitness and Tai Chi. Since Shirley's diagnosis of ovarian cancer ten years ago, she continued her life style of walking, bike riding, knitting and teaching Tai Chi, Yoga and Qi-Gong. Her grit and grace were an inspiration to her family and friends. Her presence will be greatly missed. A memorial service will be held at Grace Episcopal Church, 555 Michigan Ave. in Holland on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 12 noon. Following the service family and friends will gather for a lunch reception in the church undercroft. Memorial contributions may be given in Shirley's honor to Hospice of Holland, 270 Hoover Blvd., Holland, MI 49423-3719. [www.langelandsterenberg.com](http://www.langelandsterenberg.com)



# Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Swaney*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Shirley was an inspiration to all who knew Her, I have fond memories of talking to Her about Life and Spirituality. Blessings to Her Family. Regards Richard Fetters"*

A friend - July 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Sending my heartfelt love & sympathy. My heart grieves with you... Shirley was a dear & loved friend - one of my truly favorite people. God I'll miss her! Wise counsel, loving heart & sassy sister!!)) Honored to have offered service & shared time & giggles with her. Was dreaming about her the other night. Praying peace & a comfort in this sad transition and adjustment in missing her. So Blessed to have known her. A truly lovely person my sincerest sympathies. Love you Shirley!! Thank you for everything! Unto we meet again mmmmmmmwwwwaaaa! Xo Kimberly, Personal Palette. Hugs for eternity..."*

Kimberly Watling - July 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CO

“Shirley was like a mom to all of us Macatawa kids way back when. She saw the good in everybody and had incredible social skills and the ability to resolve difficult situations without hurt feelings. One time when i was about 10 years old, my mom was floating in an inner tube and the top of her bathing suit fell down in front of almost everyone in Macatawa (I know Scott and Greg remember this because we talked about it at my mom's funeral). I was so shocked at the sight I was speechless I didn't know what to do or say. Shirley just casually called out, "Barb, you should adjust your suit," like that happened every day. She kept a small disaster from becoming a catastrophe. More than anyone I know, she embodied the spirit and the beauty of Macatawa. Rest In Peace, wonderful lady.”

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**Chuck Osborn** - July 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“Those of us lucky enough to grow up in East Grand Rapids were also "lucky" to know one of America's iconic families. The Swaney's were all special and Shirley led the group with character and grace all learned from her folks. Shirley was ahead of her time with Mind & Body books and messages. She mentored many and set examples for productive, happy, healthy lifestyles. She taught aerobics before the word was in the dictionary. She was a dear friend who cared about her friends and kept in touch. We will miss her historic stories about her beloved Macatawa and her family gatherings there. What a gift she was and what a smile. We are thinking of you all. Bob & Sherry Lavin Bitd”

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**A friend** - July 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AD

“Thinking of you and sending sympathy and love to all fondly, Alice”

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**Alice Dodgson** - July 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *"Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Fond memories of your parents and family. Sincerely Judy Curnick and Leona Sluis."*

A friend - July 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Shirley Swaney*

Nancy Brennan - July 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *"I knew Shirley from our knitting group and always found her energy and enthusiasm a source of inspiration, she will be missed. Peace, Nancy"*

Nancy Brennan - July 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *"I will miss Shirley's presence so very much. Her enthusiasm, energy, and grace in all situations SHONE, and all who knew her recognized those qualities in her. A loving person who was vital, inspirational, and always fun to be with as well. Love and sympathy to all who grieve for her."*

Jean Schuler - July 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *"Shirley introduced me to Tai Chi when she taught at the Arts Council and I loved coming to the class because she she was always upbeat and encouraging. She gave so much during our sessions and I felt right at home and learned SO much from her in the classes. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and her friends."*

Christi Caughey - June 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DM

“I so enjoyed meeting and getting to know Shirley when we were working together to honor her father in dedicating the Lobby of the David Hunting YMCA. We sat at her cottage as she was reflecting on him and she cried when we realized our dedication day would fall on her father's birthday. She was so full of gratitude and her love for her family always shown through. She was a bright light for me in my career. I so admired her spunk and wisdom. A remarkable woman I will never forget.”

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**Debra Minton** - June 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM