



Josephine Shearer Bedker

June 28, 1941 - January 27, 2023

Josephine Shearer Bedker age 81 of Scottville passed away on Friday, January 27, 2023 with her sons John and Fred by her side. Jo was born on June 28, 1941 in Latrobe, PA, the daughter of Steven and Ada (Moore) Drobneck and graduated from Latrobe High School with the class of 1959. On February 10, 1964 she married Fred D. Shearer, who was serving in the United States Air Force, and they celebrated 28 years together before Fred preceded her in death in 1992. After Fred's service during the Vietnam Conflict concluded, they lived in Alaska for a short time before moving to Scottville in 1969. Jo worked for Richter Vinegar in Scottville before working as a legal assistant for Clay Olmstead in Ludington, and eventually serving as deputy magistrate for Mason County District Court until her retirement in 2001. On August 4, 2001, Jo married Bruce Bedker at Riverside Park in Scottville and they celebrated 21 years together before Bruce preceded her in death on November 24, 2022.

Jo was a longtime member of the Ludington Scottville Chapter 327 Order of the Eastern Star, the Ludington Boat Club, and the West Michigan Old Engine Club. She also bowled on a traveling team out of Scottville for many years, and enjoyed working on arts & crafts - especially crocheting. In retirement, she and Bruce often spent the winter months in Arizona and Alabama, and traveled throughout the United States. She and Bruce were also members of Scottville United Methodist Church.

Along with her husband's Fred and Bruce, Jo was also preceded in death by her father Steven; her mother and stepfather Ada and Paul Gunter; and her sister Ada Simms.

Jo will be greatly missed by her sons John Shearer of Scottville and Fred Shearer Jr. of Ludington; her grandson Aiden Shearer; her stepdaughters Tammy (Patrick) O'Brien of Scottville, and Neta (Aage) McDonald of Custer; her step-grandchildren Chris (Heather) Lutrell, Jamie Lutrell, Murphy O'Brien, and Brandon (Katrina) McDonald; her step great-grandchildren Alexandria & Rylie Lutrell, Nikolaj McDonald, Hayley and Emma Reid; her sister Pauline (Michael) Ridilla and her brother Paul (Sally) Gunter all of Latrobe, PA; and her brother-in-law Russell Bedker of Scottville.

A ceremony to celebrate Jo's life will be held at 12:00 noon on Friday, February 3 at the Scottville United Methodist Church with her pastor, Rev. Rick Hodgeson officiating. Burial will take place later this spring next to her husband Fred at Riverside Cemetery in Custer.

Friends may meet with Jo's family on Friday morning from 11:00-12:00 noon at the church prior to services. Those who wish to remember Jo with a memorial donation are asked to please consider the Scottville United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

800 South Custer Road
Custer, MI 49405

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Methodist Church of Scottville
114 West State Street
Scottville, MI 49454

Memorial Service

FEB 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GM

“ *Georgia Makowicki lit a candle in memory of Josephine Shearer Bedker*



Georgia Makowicki - February 12, 2023 at 02:36 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Josephine Shearer Bedker.*



January 31, 2023 at 05:17 PM

SF

“ *John was one of my best friends in school and I spent a lot of time at their house. Jo was such a wonderful lady and was always willing to let us into her home. She will be greatly missed.*



Scott Fredericks - January 29, 2023 at 04:58 PM

CW

“ *Cynthia Wert lit a candle in memory of Josephine Shearer Bedker*



Cynthia Wert - January 29, 2023 at 12:54 PM

DT

“ *Debra Thaler lit a candle in memory of Josephine Shearer Bedker*



Debra Thaler - January 29, 2023 at 11:21 AM

DT

Prayers to the family, she was a great friend and the green candle is for all her frogs she collected.

Debra Thaler - January 29, 2023 at 11:22 AM

LS

“ *Linda Shively lit a candle in memory of Josephine Shearer Bedker*



Linda Shively - January 29, 2023 at 10:07 AM

JS

“ *JoAnn M Simmons lit a candle in memory of Josephine Shearer Bedker*



JoAnn M Simmons - January 29, 2023 at 09:53 AM