



## Shirley Ann Eschels

May 13, 1932 - March 17, 2024

Shirley Ann Eschels age 91, longtime resident of Scottville and Ludington passed away on Sunday, March 17, 2024 in Grandville. Shirley was born on May 13, 1932 in Free Soil, the daughter of Loyal L. and Margaret A. (Tobey) Bagley, and graduated from Scottville High School with the class of 1950. On June 2, 1951, Shirley was wed to Arno R. Eschels at the St. John Lutheran Church at Pelton's Corners near Free Soil and they celebrated 62 years together before Arno preceded her in death in 2013. Shirley was also preceded in death by her son Steven "Okie" Eschels in 2016; her daughter-in-law Donna Eschels in 2017; her brother Robert Bagley; and her brothers-in-law Ervin and Carl Eschels; and her sisters-in-law Edna Hansen and Doris Rader.

Shirley served as the Branch Manager for State Savings Bank of Scottville, (West Shore Bank) at the Fountain location for over 26 years. During her time as manager she continued her education at West Shore Community College, taking courses that would help her better serve her customers. She became a charter member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Scottville when St. John's merged into the new congregation. Shirley served as a Sunday School teacher for many years and was a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. She was very social and enjoyed bowling with friends in leagues in Scottville and was well known as a "card shark" when it came to playing setback or enjoying a game of pinochle.

Shirley will be greatly missed by her daughter Sara Eschels of Grand Rapids; her son Daniel Eschels of Ludington, Jeffrey and wife Kris and their son John Michael of Winter Park, Florida; her daughter-in-law Robin Eschels of Homestead, Florida; her brothers Wilbur "Bill" Bagley and wife Jean of Grand Ledge, Richard "Dick" Bagley and wife Vonda of Deltona, Florida; her sister Delores "Cookie" Barton of Clinton Twp., MI; along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A ceremony to remember Shirley's life will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, March 22 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Scottville with Rev. John Hansen and Rev. Kenneth Williamson officiating. Burial will take place with her beloved Arno at South Victory Cemetery. Friends may meet with Shirley's family on Friday morning from 10:00 am until time of services at the church. Those who wish to remember Shirley with a memorial donation are asked to please consider the Endowment Fund at Our Savior Lutheran Church, or to the Bring A Bus to GTCM Fundraiser at Georgetown & Cambridge Manor, 151 Port Sheldon Street, Grandville, MI 49418 <https://baruchsls-georgetown-camb ridge.kindful.com>

# Cemetery Details

## South Victory Cemetery

2950 West Fisher Road  
Ludington, MI 49431

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
765 West US Highway 10  
Scottville, MI 49454

# Tribute Wall

AE

“ Amy E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Ann Eschels.

Amy E. - March 26, 2024 at 02:00 PM

AC

“ My sympathy to Shirley's family. I have fond memories of the times we spent together when I lived in Michigan. We were Church "buddies" and worked well together. We can rejoice that her soul is with our Lord.

Arlene Crofoot - March 25, 2024 at 10:52 PM

DC

“ Derek Flynt & Tony Carpenter purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Shirley Ann Eschels.



Derek Flynt & Tony Carpenter - March 21, 2024 at 08:47 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Eschels.



March 21, 2024 at 08:05 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Eschels.*



March 19, 2024 at 12:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Eschels.*



March 19, 2024 at 11:23 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss!  
I took swimming lessons at their pool when I was younger. Every time I drive past their former home at the corner of Fountain Rd and US 31, I think of those times. Very sweet lady!*

**Michelle Sterley** - March 19, 2024 at 07:16 AM



*Grandma Shirley and Grandpa Arno are how we remember this couple in our family. We love you both and miss you!!! Ms. Karen, Josh, Ali, Paige Trench*

**Karen M Trench** - March 19, 2024 at 06:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Eschels.*



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March 19, 2024 at 12:44 AM



“ *Richard "Red" Barton purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Shirley Ann Eschels.*



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**Richard "Red" Barton** - March 18, 2024 at 09:58 PM



“ *Richard "Red" Barton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Ann Eschels.*

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**Richard "Red" Barton** - March 18, 2024 at 09:58 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. I remember when Arno coached me in softball. They were great people, old-timers from the neighborhood. My prayers.*

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**Bev Timpy** - March 18, 2024 at 09:57 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Eschels.*



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March 18, 2024 at 08:03 PM



“ *Barb Eschels purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Shirley Ann Eschels.*



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**Barb Eschels** - March 18, 2024 at 06:16 PM



“ *Robert U. purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Shirley Ann Eschels.*



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**Robert U.** - March 18, 2024 at 05:59 PM



“ *Robert U. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Ann Eschels.*

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**Robert U.** - March 18, 2024 at 05:59 PM

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“ Love “HH’s” Alison, Becky, Kim & Rachael purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Shirley Ann Eschels.



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**Love “HH’s” Alison, Becky, Kim & Rachael** - March 18, 2024  
at 05:46 PM

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“ Love “HH’s” Alison, Becky, Kim & Rachael planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Ann Eschels.

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**Love “HH’s” Alison, Becky, Kim & Rachael** - March 18, 2024 at 05:46 PM

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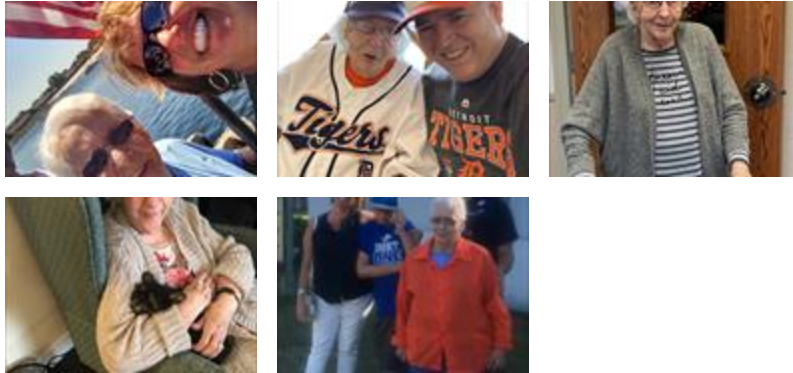
“ Sara and Family: Thoughts and prayers to you all. Mrs. Eschels was such a wonderful person and the greatest Sunday School Teacher EVER! She just had a real knack with the little ones. Loved learning to swim in their pool every summer too. She will be sadly missed. Hugs. Diane Englebrecht

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**Diane Englebrecht** - March 18, 2024 at 04:11 PM

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“ 45 files added to the album Family Pictures



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**Sara Eschels** - March 18, 2024 at 01:56 PM

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*Thank you for sharing these special pictures of your sweet mom. So many of them made me smile! She was always up for having fun!*

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**Rachel Rynbrandt** - March 18, 2024 at 09:26 PM