



Shirley Taranto Petroski

May 4, 1941 - July 26, 2019

Shirley Jean Taranto-Petroski aged 78 of Branch, formerly of Williamston, beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend passed away peacefully Friday evening July 26, 2019 at her home.

Shirley was born on May 4, 1941 in Lansing, the daughter of John and Stella (Klieber) Hasford and graduated from Resurrection High School with the class of 1959. Following graduation, she served her country with the United States Air Force.

On October 8, 2005 she married Richard F. Petroski at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Williamston and they have been blessed with 14 years together.

Shirley was a woman of great faith, had a kind loving heart, and a warm, welcoming smile. She cared deeply for her friends and family and cherished time with them. Since her retirement from General Motors in 2003 she enjoyed her life up north, gardening, fishing, and quilting. She also was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Custer, sharing her love of music and devotion to the Blessed Mother.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband Richard Taranto, her sons Kenneth James and Louis John, her brother John L. Hasford II, and her great grandson Brady.

Shirley will be greatly missed by her husband Richard Petroski, her children Anthony Taranto, Ric Taranto, Nancy (Mike) Misailedes, and Ken Taranto, her grandchildren Monica (Mike), Danny, Dustin, Adam, A.J. (Alli), Josh, Samantha, Luke, and Karley, five great-grandchildren Lalee, Morgan, Cece, Alexandra, and Arabella, her stepdaughters Julie Maleipaard and Jodie Leonard, and her brother James (Janet) Hasford.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Shirley at 10:00 am on Monday, August 5 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Custer with Rev. Daniel DePew as celebrant. Graveside services with military honors will take place at 3:00 pm on Monday at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Williamston. A time of visitation with Shirley's family will be held on Sunday evening, August 4 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at St. Mary's Church in Custer with the Rosary to be prayed for Shirley starting at 7:30 pm. Those who wish to remember Shirley with a memorial donation are asked to consider St. Mary's Church in Custer or Williamston.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
85 South Madison Street
Custer, MI 49405

Rosary

AUG 4. 7:30 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
85 South Madison Street
Custer, MI 49405

Celebration of Mass

AUG 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
85 South Madison Street
Custer, MI 49405

Graveside Service

AUG 5. 3:00 PM (ET)

Mount Calvary Cemetery
2531 Rowley Road
Williamston, MI 48895

Tribute Wall

MT

“ Shirley was a good friend in St. Mary Parish in Williamston. I always missed her cheerful and deeply spiritual presence when she moved up north, and am so happy that she had a happy home and a great parish in Custer. Prayers go with you all in this sad loss.

Margaret D Thornton - August 05, 2019 at 10:51 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Shirley Taranto Petroski.



August 03, 2019 at 06:02 PM

YC

“ Your grandchildren and great grand children purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Shirley Taranto Petroski.



Your grandchildren and great grand children - August 02, 2019 at 10:56 AM

TK

“ Tony, Ric, Nancy and Ken purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Shirley Taranto Petroski.



Tony, Ric, Nancy and Ken - August 02, 2019 at 10:56 AM

NM

“ I am sending loving thoughts and hugs to the family. I know that she raised an amazing daughter who has grace, compassion and strength. Share your memories and cherish your family. Love, Narda

narda murphy - August 01, 2019 at 04:44 PM

MB

“ My condolences to the family. I am deeply saddened by her passing. She was a positive influence in my life. I have many good memories of spending time with her and her family when we were in school. Marilyn Lezovich Black

Marilyn Black - August 01, 2019 at 11:39 AM

EM

“ Deepest sympathy to all of you in this loss.
Prayers for you going forward....
This quiet, giving, lovely girl is my remembrance of Shirley from our High School Days at Resurrection High.
As one of the Committee members of our 60th Class Reunion coming up in September, it is a sad thought that we will be adding Shirley's name to our Memory Book 😞
May she Rest In Peace 🙏💜🙏


Elizabeth Myers - August 01, 2019 at 09:10 AM

TZ

“ My condolences to the family. She was wonderful woman.
The flower gardens were beautiful just like her. My thoughts and with you during this time.




Tammy Zserdin - July 31, 2019 at 07:31 PM

 Kristina Shultz

“ Kristina Shultz lit a candle in memory of Shirley Taranto Petroski



Kristina Shultz - July 30, 2019 at 09:28 PM

 Kristina Shultz

“ So very sorry for the families loss...you all have been family to my family for over thirty years...I remember sitting on the porch with my mom and Shirley and was in awe at their beautiful friendship...she is now in heaven with my momma and dad and picking up where they left off...I'm so sad the last time I got to see and hug her was at my mommas memorial service where she gave a beautiful eulogy...
Love to you all.

Kristina Shultz - July 30, 2019 at 09:27 PM

JS

“ Jackie Sorensen lit a candle in memory of Shirley Taranto Petroski



Jackie Sorensen - July 30, 2019 at 08:17 PM

BK

“ Richard, sorry to learn of your wife's passing. Be assured of our prayers for you and family. Brad King Norton Shores MI

Brad King - July 30, 2019 at 03:42 PM

CA

“ I worked with Shirley at Oldsmobile Division of General Motors (Payroll/Insurance) many years ago. Sorry to hear of her passing. Condolences to her family.

Carol Murphy Atkinson - July 30, 2019 at 02:38 PM

RM

“ Ruth Meyers lit a candle in memory of Shirley Taranto Petroski



Ruth Meyers - July 30, 2019 at 01:22 PM

JK

“ Richard, no words can take away the sorrow you're feeling during this difficult time, but may you take comfort knowing you're in the thoughts and prayers of those who care. May our Lord bless you with peace, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to hold in your heart forever. Shirley was a special lady and will never be forgotten. God bless!

Joyce Koster - July 30, 2019 at 01:10 PM

AT

“ I love you Ama. Thank you for being the light of this family. Thank you for taken me in as your granddaughter. I will be missed always. Aj the girls and I will forever love you and miss you.

Love you Always.

Aj, Ali, Morgan, and Alexandra Taranto

Allison Taranto - July 29, 2019 at 02:08 PM

TM

“ Nancy and Monica, We are so sorry for your loss. Know that you and your family's are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Love, The Millers
& Day Care



The Millers - July 29, 2019 at 12:55 PM

FS

Nancy, we are so sorry for your loss, you are in our prayers. Your mother was an exceptional lady.

Fred Szedlak - August 01, 2019 at 02:35 PM

SC

I was saddened to hear of Shirley's passing. Love the picture posted. Prayers for the family as they mourn her passing. May you enjoy the joyful times by sharing memories of a life well lived. May the Peace of Christ be with you. Sue Campbell

Sue Campbell - August 16, 2019 at 10:12 AM