



Shirley R. Schuepbach

March 6, 1922 - April 4, 2026

Shirley lived to be 104 and that is no small feat. Her dad died of pneumonia when she was 10 and left a widow with 7 kids on a farm in 1932. Her job at that age was to keep the stove stocked and lit with firewood through the night and kill and dress the chickens. The house was so poorly insulated that she would wake up with snow on the covers in winter. She went to a one room country schoolhouse with grades one through eight. She rode a buggy or sled on bad days instead of walking the couple of miles. She saw the depression and was a war bride with Wilbur enlisting the day after Pearl Harbor. Her son went to Vietnam. Both came back alive. One seemingly little affected by what he saw and the other forever altered by it. Throughout, Shirley remained resilient, hardworking, accepting and good humored. It was her greatest gift along with her unyielding common “farm” sense. There was a lot to do on the farm, but she rarely complained about the work. She just “got it done.” She was loved by the people she interacted with and adapted to what could not be fixed on her ever increasingly worn-down body. There is a lesson there. People loved her and will miss her as well as her family.

See [Spengel Boulanger.com](http://SpengelBoulanger.com) for more information.

Mrs. Schuepbach was the daughter of Rose (nee Vulliet) and Oliver Ulmet Her siblings were Pearl Zilles, “Slim” Ulmet, George Ulmet, “Dolly” Willmann, “Coco” Ulmet, Tom Ulmet, and Warren Ulmet.

Mrs. Schuepbach is survived by her daughters Janet Gillespie (Gene) and Dawn Frierdich (John). Her son Lonnie predeceased her. Her grandchildren are Patrick Gillespie, Tim Frierdich, Liesle Lemke and Dawn Marie Carpenter. Grandchild Lee Schuepbach predeceased her at age three. Her step grandchildren are Joy and Seth Schuepbach. Her great grandchildren are Phillip Gillespie, Miles Frierdich, Teslin Lemke and Wrangle Lemke. She is survived by many nieces and nephews including Jacquelin Barth, Margie Hoffman, Ramona Gilomen, Candee Ulmet, Diane Weise, Tom Ulmet, Susan Craig, Denny Willman, Teddy Willman, and Marjorie Quenelle.

Mrs. Schuepbach worked at the DeMoulin Brothers Company, Moulton Bartley Shoe Company, and Widmar Floral Company (30 years).

Visitation and Service for Shirley will be private.

Tribute Wall

KN

“ Shirley was an amazing woman who had a well lived life. In her 104 years she touched the lives of her family, her friends and her community. She was an incredible role model to everyone who knew her, and even those who only knew of her. She worked hard all of her life and she did it with a smile on her face. Her laugh and her long life was a gift to all who knew her. She shared the bounty of her garden and was a wonderful cook. Her light shined so brightly, we will treasure wonderful memories of times spent with Shirley forever. She will remain in the hearts of all who knew her, she will never be forgotten. Kathy and Neil

Kathleen Noelker - April 14 at 12:23 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Shirley R. Schuepbach.



April 13 at 12:20 PM

MH

“ Margie (Schuepbach) and Frank Huffman purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Shirley R. Schuepbach.



Margie (Schuepbach) and Frank Huffman - April 12 at 04:59 PM

MH

“ Margie (Schuepbach) and Frank Huffman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley R. Schuepbach.

Margie (Schuepbach) and Frank Huffman - April 12 at 04:59 PM

SW

“ Condolences to Janet, Gene, and Shirley’s entire family. She was a sweetheart. There were so many years she would surprise us with her homemade cookies. There was also the time she came hobbling in on crutches because she had tried her skills at bike riding. She will remain in memory.

Sue Wellen - April 12 at 04:26 PM

MG

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Marilyn Georgy - April 12 at 11:16 AM

RP

“ Shirley and Web were our neighbors when we lived on Maple Street. Amazing, wonderful folks. They helped us move after mom’s divorce, invited us to their church, and later stood up with mom when she re-married. We were truly blessed to live next to them! —
Rev. Rick Pierce & Cindy

Rick Pierce - April 10 at 10:17 PM

LP

“ Love, Marilyn Georgy and Angel Paul purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Shirley R. Schuepbach.



Love, Marilyn Georgy and Angel Paul - April 10 at 08:29 PM

LP

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Love, Marilyn Georgy and Angel Paul - April 10 at 08:29 PM

JG

“ Jeanne Griffiths purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shirley R. Schuepbach.



Jeanne Griffiths - April 10 at 04:11 PM

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KH

“ *Mama Shirley - Heaven is going to be a lot more fun now! I enjoyed so many weekends at your house, except for the dinner that you fed me cow tongue without me knowing! I think I got sick when you told me but I make it all the time now and every time I think of you. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Let the card games begin! Loved you so much - from Kay Hundsdorfer Whitecotton*

Kay Hundsdorfer-Whitecotton - April 10 at 01:48 PM

KE

“ *I will always remember my cousin Shirley with love and gratitude. I live in Michigan and when my father, Ed Everett (also a cousin of Shirley's) was failing in health, Shirley stepped up and helped me so much! She was a wonderful, caring person who always had a smile for me and watched over my dad when I could not be there.*

Karen Everett Emanuelsen - April 10 at 12:02 PM