



## Shirley A. Schwarz

March 12, 1948 - October 3, 2023

Shirley A. Schwarz, age 75 of Grantfork, IL, died Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at her residence in Grantfork, IL.

She was born on Friday, March 12, 1948, in Highland, IL, the daughter of Aloysius and Frances (nee Weis) Luitjohan.

She was a member of St. Gertrude Catholic Church; Altar Society; Grantfork Historical Society (Treasurer); Madison County Historical Society; and Circle of Love Ministries, Greenville, IL.

Shirley was born March 12, 1948, to Al and Frances Luitjohan on a farm south of Highland. Later, the family moved to a farm east of St. Jacob, where she attended St. Paul grade school in Highland through the third grade. The family then moved to a farm north of Grantfork (Schwarz wedding barn), becoming parishioners of St. Gertrude Church. She finished grade school in Grantfork. Her freshman year was spent attending Ripa Notre Dame High School in St Louis; she finished the last three years at Highland High School, graduating in 1966. Shirley was the oldest of 8 children, 7 girls and one boy. She worked at Diamond Mineral Springs in Grantfork and Artex in Highland. She attended beauty school in Edwardsville and worked at a beauty shop in Highland, later opening a shop in her home. She also volunteered her services, doing hair at Hitz Home in Alhambra. She also learned the art of cake decorating and made

many wedding cakes. Shirley worked in the Grantfork Elementary Cafeteria for many years, as well as in Hamel Elementary. She also worked at Grantfork Meats, clerked for Roniger-Schwarz Auction service and ran the Madison County Fair Kitchen. She married a farmer, Lawrence Schwarz, on August 3, 1968, at St. Gertrude Church. They lived 55 years on the farm where Lawrence was born, feeding steers, raising hogs, grain farming, and maintaining a large garden. Shirley was a wonderful cook who enjoyed baking cookies, pies and cakes, always entering them in the local county fairs. She also enjoyed playing Euchre and, years ago, line dancing. She was active in her church, coordinating mission trips and CCD religion classes at St. Gertrude, St. Elizabeth, and St. James. She belonged to the Altar Society and was a Eucharistic Minister. Shirley was active in the Circle of Love Ministries in Greenville, volunteering with women's retreats and Bible studies. She also served six years as treasurer of the Grantfork Historical Society. Shirley leaves behind her husband, 5 children, 12 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Survivors include:

Husband - Lawrence J. Schwarz, Grantfork, IL

Daughter - Denise A. (Andy) Kinnard, Pocahontas, IL

Daughter - Aimee L. (George) Russell, Grantfork, IL

Son - Michael A. (Michelle) Schwarz, Grantfork, IL

Son - Jared J. (Jamie) Schwarz, Grantfork, IL

Daughter - Christine M. (Michael) Anderson, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Kelly (Significant Other-David Lane) Russell

Grandchild - Olivia (Brandon) Hosto

Grandchild - Jacob (Fiancée Lexy Engelman) Russell

Grandchild - Mason Junker

Grandchild - Sophia Schwarz

Grandchild - Maveric Schwarz

Grandchild - Morgan Schwarz

Grandchild - Ella Schwarz  
Grandchild - Laney Schwarz  
Grandchild - Wyatt Anderson  
Grandchild - Nolan Anderson  
Grandchild - Hattie Anderson  
Great Grandchild - Chloe Young  
Great Grandchild - Oliver Hosto  
Great Grandchild - Dorothy Hosto  
Sister - Bonnie (James) Wesselmann, Breese, IL  
Sister - Janet (Leonard) Thole, Highland, IL  
Sister - Barb (Tim) Martiszus, Trenton, IL  
Sister - June (Dave) Schmelter, Breese, IL  
Sister - Marlene (Jerry) Vosholler, Highland, IL  
Brother - Larry (Tina) Luitjohan, Grantfork, IL  
Sister-In-Law - Emily Schwarz, Grantfork, IL  
Sister-In-Law - Mary Ann (Jerry) Frueh, Alhambra, IL.

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Aloysius G. Luitjohan  
Mother - Frances Luitjohan (nee Weis)  
Grandchild - Taylor Lauren Schwarz (infant)  
Sister - Judith (Tom) Wilke, St. Rose , IL  
Brother-In-Law - Christ "Sonny" Schwarz, Jr.  
Niece - Sue Ann Wilke (infant)  
Niece - Jane Schwarz (infant).

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, October 16, 2023,

at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at St. Gertrude Catholic Church in Grantfork, IL, with Rev. Father Pat G. Jakel, officiating.

Interment will be at Saint Gertrude Catholic Cemetery in Grantfork, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Gertrude Cemetery; Masses; Grantfork Historical Society; or donor's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Gertrude Catholic Cemetery

Grantfork, IL 62249

# Previous Events

## Evening Visitation

OCT **16**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland  
1501 9th Street  
P.O. Box 187  
Highland, IL 62249  
(618) 654-2133  
[info@spengel-boulanger.com](mailto:info@spengel-boulanger.com)

## Morning Visitation

OCT **17**. 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

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1501 9th Street  
P.O. Box 187  
Highland, IL 62249  
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## Funeral Mass

OCT 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Gertrude Catholic Church  
202 N. Locust Street  
Grantfork, IL 62249

# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley A. Schwarz.*



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October 15, 2023 at 03:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley A. Schwarz.

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October 15, 2023 at 03:22 PM



“ *Trauernicht Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Shirley A. Schwarz.*



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**Trauernicht Family** - October 06, 2023 at 05:19 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley A. Schwarz.*



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October 06, 2023 at 03:07 PM

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“ Our friendship began over 30 years ago which began a life long friendship. There are so many memories it's hard to just pick one or two. But Shirley will always remain in our hearts as a most loving and kind individual whom we treasured.

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**Robert and JoAn Kakac** - October 06, 2023 at 11:44 AM