



Shirley (Sturgis) Blome

February 17, 1935 - February 28, 2026

Shirley (Sturgis) Blome, 91 of Elkton, passed away peacefully on February 28, 2026 at Rose Garden Senior Living surrounded by her loving family.

Shirley was born on February 17, 1935 in Berkley, MI, to the late Clarence and Clara Kipfer. She graduated from Owendale High School in 1952. She was a long time member of the Free Methodist Church in Bad Axe.

In her younger years, Shirley worked at Michigan Bell Telephone in the Yellow Pages department and at the Dairy Bar. She later worked at Pigeon Elementary School. A dedicated and hardworking woman, Shirley helped build and operate Sturgis Plumbing and Heating alongside her husband, Richard. Following Richard's passing in 1984, she sold the business to Shetler Plumbing and Heating and continued working there until her retirement. She also worked at Catering Connection of Bad Axe.

On January 28, 1953, Shirley married Richard Sturgis. Together they built a life centered on faith, family and hard work, and were blessed with four children: Linda Czyzewski, Cindy Sturgis, Wanda Sturgis, and Scott (Lauri) Sturgis; and grandchildren: Joell Schlabach, Joscelyne Schlabach, Trent (Erica) Schlabach, Ashley (Todd) Stevens, Jessica (Marcus) King, and step-granddaughter: Dani (Tim) Cook.

Shirley was later blessed with a second chance at love when she married John Blome on July 7, 1998. Through this marriage, she lovingly gained three stepchildren: David (Joyce Buchanan) Blome, Paul (Nancy) Blome, and John Blome; and four step grandchildren: Rachel Blome, Robert Blome, Rebecca

Blome, and Ryan Blome.

Shirley was the proud matriarch of a large and loving family, including thirteen great-grandchildren and eight great great grandchildren, all of whom brought her immense joy.

She will be remembered for her wonderful sense of humor, playful jokes and pranks, and her fun-loving spirit. Shirley spent her winters in Florida with her daughter and grand dog Hudson. She also enjoyed cooking, quilting and baking. She was especially known for her beautiful and creative cake decorating, sharing her talents generously with family and friends for countless celebrations over the years.

Shirley is survived by her sister, Donna (Clare) Bechler and Betty Gretch and her good friend May Deering. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Richard Sturgis and John Blome; her son-in-law Joseph Czyzewski; brother-in-law, John Gretch, David Sturgis, and Paul Sturgis; sister-in-law Pauline Martinez; her infant brother Donald; and step-granddaughter Dana Wakefield. Shirley's warmth, humor, strong work ethic and deep love for her family will be cherished always.

Funeral services for Shirley will be Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 11 am at the Free Methodist Church in Bad Axe, with burial to follow in Colfax Township Cemetery. Visitation for Shirley will be at the church, Wednesday, beginning at 10 am until time of services at 11 am. Arrangements are being handled by the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach.

Donations may be given to the Free Methodist Church of Bad Axe.

Memories can be shared at www.RamseyFH.com

Cemetery Details

Colfax Township Cemetery

Bad Axe, MI 48413

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

Bad Axe Free Methodist Church
Pigeon Road
Bad Axe, MI 48413

Funeral Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ I'm so sorry for your family's loss. Shirley was an amazing woman: strong, kind, funny, supportive, and so many other wonderful things. I remember when she'd come into work with Cindy, and whip up all kinds of fabulous desserts. Her cinnamon rolls were Amazing. Everyone looked forward to Shirley being there. She spread kindness and love wherever she went. She'll always be remembered as a special lady. Prayers and healing to all Shirley's friends and family 🙏💛

Maria Ahearn - March 05 at 06:38 AM

LK

“ My deepest sympathies Cindy . As you know your mom was a wonderful , caring and loving person . Thinking of all of you at this difficult time . Cherish your memories .
Lori Koch

Lori J Koch - March 03 at 08:08 PM

BT

“ Bart and Cory Thompson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Shirley (Sturgis) Blome.



Bart and Cory Thompson - March 03 at 01:22 PM

BK

“ *Bill and Kim purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Shirley (Sturgis) Blome.*



Bill and Kim - March 03 at 12:22 PM

ML

“ *Linda, Cindy, Wanda, Scott, Donna and Family, So sorry to hear of Shirleys passing. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Mary Lazarus - March 02 at 11:33 PM

LS

“ *61 files added to the tribute wall*



Lauri Sturgis - March 02 at 11:25 PM

KC

“ *Sending hugs and sympathy to you Cindy.*”



Karen Majeski Case - March 02 at 05:55 PM

LS

“ *1 file added to the album Shirley (Sturgis) Bloom*”



Lauri Sturgis - March 02 at 12:19 PM