



# Patricia Rose Shafer

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It is with heavy hearts that we announce the death of our mother Patricia, who passed peacefully at the UM Medical Center on September 18th. Patricia was mother to seven children, grandmother to eleven, great grandmother to thirteen, sister to four, and a friend to more than we can count.

Patricia was a both a Californian and a Michigander. Patricia's maternal family (Porter) were early California Pioneers and they settled near Quincy in the Sierra Valley. The mining, railway and highway along the Feather River were a source of prosperity. And for Patricia, the town of Twain, built by her Grandfather Granville, was also the destination for many memorable summers enjoying the river, mountains and nature.

Her paternal family (Thomas) settled Marshfield, Massachusetts in 1636. Patricia's Great Grandfather – nine generations removed, William Thomas of Wales, had negotiated a land grant from King Charles I of England. Many of the Thomas clan were later drawn to California in the Gold Rush. Born in San Francisco in 1933 to Charles and Roma Thomas, she always felt a piece of her heart was there in the City by the Bay. Raising her children in California, in the new parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary (in Belmont), was both a passion and joy.

Her commitment to education never wavered: pursuing the best for both her children and for herself as she studied nursing and worked as an LVN for years. The Doctors and colleagues greatly respected her commitment to nursing and her professionalism. Her patients loved her compassionate care and contagious sense of humor.

Patricia also had a life-long interest in the theater, and she eventually returned to San Jose State University to study theater and drama, where



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she earned Bachelor's and Master's Degrees. Patricia truly treasured the gift of the creative spirit and was a dedicated advocate of dramatic arts; She believed in this personal expression as a window into humanity. She was an accomplished actress, choreographer, and playwright. Her stories and scripts were highly creative, delightful and at the same time she was a total professional in directing and stage management.

Patricia had the opportunity to pursue doctoral work at the University of Michigan. In Ann Arbor, she met Jim Shafer, of Krazy Jim's Blimpy Burger fame and they were married in 1983. They had a wonderful life together running their businesses in Ann Arbor and enjoying their lake house in the Irish Hills, until Jim's passing in 2004.

Throughout her life, Patricia was passionate about her faith and endeavored to exemplify gracious living: she was generous with her resources and her time in teaching and helping others in the parish and community. She was always diligent in doing good works with charities, catechism, migrant ministries and for others in need.

Memories bring us great solace in times of loss; as her children Henry Pohl Jr, Ernest Pohl, Mary(Pohl)Balestrieri, Theresa(Pohl)Wells, Lawrence Pohl, Bernadette(Pohl)Johnson and Thomas Pohl, we will forever cherish her guiding light and enthusiasm. Patricia is also survived by her two younger sisters, Barbara Emert and Theresa Giosso.

A farewell Mass will be held at St. Joseph Shrine Church in Brooklyn on Wednesday, October 11th at 11:00, with internment following immediately after in the Shrine Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to the Catholic Charities of Jackson, Lenawee and Hillsdale Counties.

Arrangements entrusted to Eineder Funeral Home in Brooklyn.


See more at <https://www.einederfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/>



### Farewell Mass


 **Wednesday**, October 11, 2023

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

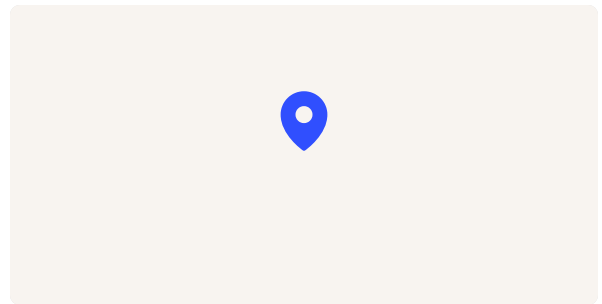
 **St. Joseph Shrine Catholic Church**  
8743 US 12, Brooklyn MI 49230

### Interment

 **Wednesday**, October 11, 2023

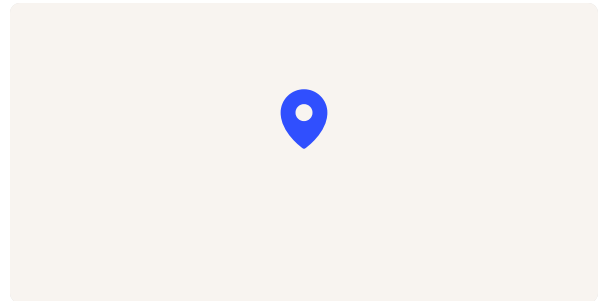
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET

 **St. Joseph Shrine Catholic Cemetery**  
MI



### Cemetery Details

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# Tribute Wall

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MW

**Megan Wojton** lit a candle in honor of Patricia.

In loving memory and remembrance of a remarkable lady. Many prayers and comforting wishes to her family. Patricia will be remembered for many years to come! ~Love, Her Silver Maples Family

October 6 at 5:13 AM



JW

**John Wells Iii** lit a candle in honor of Patricia.

October 4 at 4:51 PM



TW

**Theresa Wells** lit a candle in honor of Patricia.

October 4 at 4:01 PM



NJ

**Nino Jr** lit a candle in honor of Patricia.

October 2 at 8:29 PM



AN

**Anthony** lit a candle in honor of Patricia.

October 2 at 8:28 PM



BF

**Balestrieri Family** lit a candle in honor of Patricia.

October 2 at 8:27 PM





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OL

**Olivia** lit a candle in honor of Patricia.

October 2 at 8:25 PM



JS

**Janet Shurtliff** posted:

A beautiful woman, a good friend, an amazing life! May dear Patricia rest in peace.

September 30 at 7:43 AM

BJ

**Bernadette Johnson** sent a virtual gift in honor of Patricia.

September 30 at 7:03 AM



BJ

**Bernadette Johnson** lit a candle in honor of Patricia.

September 30 at 6:40 AM



MB

**Mary Balestrieri** lit a candle in honor of Patricia.

September 29 at 3:16 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Patricia by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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