



## Baiba Z. Shimmell

April 1, 2006

Shimmell, Baiba Z. age 53 of Plymouth, April 1, 2006. Beloved wife of Roger. Dear sister of Andrew Zageris and Maris Zageris. Beloved Niece of Valerija Garkaklis, Olga Trevan, and Janis Bleides. Also leaves two nephews, four nieces and four cousins. Mrs. Shimmell has lived in the Plymouth area for the past 30 years. She has a Bachelors Degree and a Masters Degree. Mrs. Shimmell belonged to the Imeria Latvian Sorority. She was a member of Latvian Lutheran Church. She enjoyed gardening, music, reading and fine arts. Visitation Monday 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM and Funeral Service Tuesday 1:00 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (between Sheldon and Beck). Memorial contributions to Alzheimers Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076. To leave a message of condolence for the family scroll down to the On-Line Condolence Link on this page.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Baiba Z. Shimmell*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I will remember with fondness Baiba's calm and positive presence at yoga class.*

*My most sincere condolences go out to Roger during this most difficult time.*

**Nancy Kolas** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM



“ *Roger,  
My deepest sympathies and condolences to you and to all who were left by your wife. I wish that you are fine and well. I ask god to provide her with his mercy and you with his patience.*

**Naser Abdalla** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM



“ *Dear Roger, We are so sorry for your great loss. Baiba was such a sweet and wonderful person. We still can't believe she is gone. She will never leave our hearts, however. We think of her, and you, often. We had such good times together.  
Fondly, Carolyn and Harold*

**Harold and Carolyn Angel** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

EA

“ Dear Roger:  
Our heartfelt sympathy in Your great loss! We are very saddened as well.  
Did Baiba have Alzheimer's like her mom? How sad!  
Was Andris able to attend his sister's funeral?  
Please excuse all these questions - this is hardly a time for interrogation.  
If You would like, we could notify Baiba's relatives in Latvia.  
Please write if we can be of any help.  
Love,  
Ernie and Guna - also Iveta and Irisa ( our daughters)

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**Ernie and Guna Asons** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

GH

“ Roger  
We were so sad to hear of the loss of your wife, Baiba. Our thoughts are with you in your time of sorrow.  
Gene and Pat

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**Gene and Pat Hetland** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

CJ

“ Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. I worked with Baiba through MCA; she was truly one of the most gentle people I have ever know. I am so very sorry for your loss.

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**Cheryl Ann Janzen** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

PT

“ Dear Roger  
We are all so sorry and shocked at the news of Baiba's passing. It doesn't seem that long ago that she was here. Her stay with us brief yet she left such a lasting impression. Times like this are incredibly difficult but know that we are thinking of you.

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**Peter, Kerry, Thomas, Enya and Gabriel Trevan** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

ER

“ Roger,  
  
We remain stunned by the sad news of Baiba's passing. May God rest her gentle soul.  
Our thoughts and hearts are with you in these hours and days of coming to terms with this unfathomable loss.

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**Elaine & David Rehor** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

OG

“ Dear Roger,  
I was very shocked and sorry to hear about your loss of Baiba. Both of you have been part of our family for years and this loss brings us much sadness. I will always remember Baiba.

*My sincere condolences.*

Love,  
Olivia Gerardi

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**Olivia Gerardi** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JL

“ Roger. Sorry to hear about your loss. It sounds like she was a wonderful woman.

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**Jeff Lewis** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

MG

“ We are still in shock Roger. But I know your hurt runs much deeper than ours for the loss of you wonderful partner. I feel privileged to have had the chance to meet my dear cousin on my trips to Michigan in 1993 and 1996, and her visit to us in Australia in 2001. I will never forget long calls late at night, the laughs (at our own expense), sharing the family history on "walks around the sub" and the delightful "Well Hello!" on the phone.

*I will miss you so much cousin Baiba. Love Mark*

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**Mark Garkaklis** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

MB

“ To Dear Roger, we feel very much sorrow for the sudden passing of Baiba. She was a joy to us all on her visit to Australia and we will miss her smile and laugh so much. Our thoughts go out to you. Mel, Alec, Mark and Barb.

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**Mel, Alec, Mark and Barb** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

SC

“ Although I do not know Baiba's family, I had the good fortune to work alongside her in various capacities in the Michigan Counseling Association. I distinctly recall her smiling face, approachable demeanor, and commitment to the counseling profession. Her presence will be missed, and her contributions to others while on this earth were far-reaching. God Bless you and yours during this difficult time.

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**Stephen E. Craig** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JP

“ Roger, very sad to hear about your wife. Our prayers are with you and your family. Take care and again sorry to here about this huge loss.

Joe

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**Joseph Pace** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

GF

“ Dear Roger,  
Our hearts are filled with sympathy for you in this hour of trial. We send you our love, and our assurance of devoted friendship--now and always. Rico, Diana, Michael and Andrew

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**Grella Family** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

KF

“ Dear Roger,  
*Baiba's light shined so bright that she made a lasting impression to those whom she met. I too got to know Baiba through the produce coop. Although, this was the only time we would see each other, over the past six years, I felt like she was a friend. I know she was giving, loving, intelligent and fun. She often helped me to feel uplifted and reminded me not to take things so seriously. I will miss her great laugh and the way she tolerated me pronouncing her name incorrectly so often those first years.*

*She will remain in the hearts she touched forever!*

*Psalm 94:17-19, 22*

*Unless the Lord had been my help, I would soon have dwelt in the land where there is silence. When I said, My foot is slipping, Your mercy and lovingkindness, O Lord, held me up. In the multitude of my anxious thoughts within me, Your comforts cheer and delight my soul!*

*...But the Lord has become my High Tower and Defense, and my God the Rock of my refuge.*

*With sympathy,  
Kay Metz*

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**Kay Metz and family** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

DF

“ Dear Roger,  
*Please accept our most sincere condolences. We were truly saddened when we learned of Baiba's passing. We will always remember her kind and friendly smile and her fun personality. We want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Doug and Genie*

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**Doug and Genie Freedman** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

MM

“ Roger: Although I never met Baiba, I feel like I know her from our conversations over the years. I'm so very sorry that this happened and you'll be in my thoughts until our paths cross again. Your friend, Mike.

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**Mike McKennett** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

EG

“ Dear Roger,  
I'm very sorry to hear about Baiba. My thoughts are with you in this difficult time.  
Sincerely,  
Erica

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**Erica Gerardi** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JM

“ Our sympathy and prayers goes out to Baiba's family. Jerry/Jeri Papazian

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**Jerry Papazian, Past President, MCA** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

RF

“ Roger,  
  
I am very sorry for your great loss. My prayers are with you.  
  
Remo

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**Remo Ferri** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JB

“ Roger--I am very, very shocked and saddened to learn of Baiba's passing. Although I never met her, I feel that I knew her well from our discussions over the years. I know that you two loved each other deeply and were partners in everything. You and Baiba are in my thoughts and prayers. Please know that I would be there with you if I could. I pray that your burden of sadness will be reduced when the time is right with the help of God and your friends. Know that I am thinking about you ,Roger. Take care, my friend.

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**Jerry and Sandell Bennett** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

TF

“ Dearest Roger, I am so saddened to hear of Baiba's passing. We knew her through our produce club. We both loved gardening, and we shared our harvest with our group. Our prayers are with you during this sad time. God Bless. The Ptak family

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**Tricia Ptak and family** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JD

“ Roger, my sincerest condolences for your loss. I am truly sorry for the grief you are feeling.

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**Julie Dohring** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

PT

“ Dear Roger and family,

*Baiba was so special, truly interested in contributing to this world, and in taking the time to know the God who made it. Her passion to help others and her sparkling personality leaves this world a darker place.*

*I look forward to seeing her in our Father's place "that has many mansions," where we can continue our friendship.*

*May God also grant you peace as you grieve her great loss. With love from one of Baiba's many friends, Priscilla*

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**Priscilla Toth** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

CB

“ Dear Roger - I'm so sorry for your loss. Baiba was such a wonderful person! I so much enjoyed golfing with her. We had many laughs. She had a great sense of humor. You are in my prayers.

*In Christ,  
Christine*

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**Christine Bodie** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

DC

“ Dear Roger,  
Sincere condolences on the loss of your wonderful wife. I was deeply saddened to hear of the news, and I know this will be a very sad and difficult time for you. I have wonderful memories of Baiba, and will always remember her bright contagious smile, upbeat attitude, and warm heart. She will be deeply missed by everyone. I'm only a phone call away if you need a friend to talk to.  
With deepest sympathy  
Doug Clem

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**Doug Clem** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

LB

“ To Roger and Family: I want to express my deepest sympathy for the passing of Baiba. I knew Baiba through the Harvest Produce Buying Club which met at Robin McHugh's house. Baiba was a delightful person, always generous and cheerful. She would bring her extra garden produce to the club to be given away. She was a wealth of knowledge about gardening. She always had a smile and a friendly hello for everyone. Baiba would send out e-mails about organic produce laws to keep the group informed of organic law changes. She was a delight to know and I will miss her greatly.  
Sincerely, Lisa Baker, Harvest Produce Club Member

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**Lisa Baker** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

PM

“ ALTHOUGH WORDS CANNOT BEGIN TO EASE THE SORROW OF YOUR LOSS. PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU ARE IN THE PRAYERS OF SO MANY WHO CARE. WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY FROM ALL YOUR FRIENDS AT BROWN WINDOW CORPORATION.

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**Pino Marinelli** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

EE

“ Dear Roger,

*Although I have never met you I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed seeing Baiba at our Produce Club divides. She was such a joy to be around - always smiling - you couldn't help but smile back!!!*

*I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time.*

*Most sincerely,  
Ellen Elliott*

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**Ellen Elliott** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

AT

“ Dear Roger

*I'm so sorry to hear that Baiba has gone, we were all expecting another trip down under from our cousin.*

*Anita Trevan*

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**Anita Trevan** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

VG

“ Roger

*My deepest sympathy for the loss of you dear wife Baiba. She will be sadly missed by all.*

*Auntie Val*

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**Valerija Garkaklis** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

AM

“ Dear Roger  
*Sincere condolences on the loss of your beautiful wife Baiba. We were extremely fortunate to have met Baiba when she visited Australia and enjoyed her company when she stayed with us.*

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**Andy & Jenny Garkaklis Jodie & Michael** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

OT

“ Dear Roger

*Our hearts are filled with sorrow know that we are with you in spirit.*

*No person is ever truly alone.*

*Those who live no more,*

*Whom we loved,*

*Echo still within our thoughts,*

*Our words, our hearts.*

*And what they did*

*And who they were*

*Becomes a part of all that we are,*

*Forever.*

*Baiba I will miss you*

*Love Auntie Olga*

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**Olga Trevan** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

DG

“ Dear Roger,

*I am very, very saddened to hear about the passing of Baiba. Even though we hadn't spoken for a few years I still feel I had a connection to her. I liked her very much. This must be a very difficult time for you. My sincerest condolences. With warm affection,  
Dianna.*

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**Dianna Gerardi** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

DU

“ Dear Roger,  
We were shocked and terribly saddened to hear the news of Baiba's passing. It doesn't seem possible that we will not be enjoying her smiling face and cheerfulness in the neighborhood. I always enjoyed the special and delicious vegetables from her garden she so generously shared. She added so much energy and interest to every conversation. We will truly miss her.  
How sad this must be for you. Please do not give up hope. I pray that you will find comfort in the many years you shared together and the peace of knowing she is in a better place. May God reach down and give His perfect comfort to you at this terrible and lonely time.

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**Don and Rebecca Ufford** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

PT

“ Dear Roger

We are deeply saddened by Baiba's passing. You have lost a loving wife and we have lost a dear cousin. I shall always recall with a smile the fun times I had when I visited back in 90 and of course when Baiba came to visit us here.

I will truly miss that cheery "helllooooooo" as I pick up the phone and realise Baiba has got her time zones wrong.....again! I will miss the great discussions we had about the world around us and the many laughs we had. But most of all I will miss her because she was Baiba.....my lovely cousin.

Take care Roger we are thinking of you and even though we can't be there you know we are a phone call away if you need us.

*Phil & Jacqui Trevan*

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**Phil & Jacqui Trevan** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

MZ

“ Dearest Roger,

*I am so very sad for your loss. It doesn't seem possible that Baiba is gone. I can only imagine what you must be feeling. You will always have your memories to help you during difficult times. We hope to see you in Yosemite.*

*With love,*

*Millie, Ed, Andy and Alexandra*

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**Millie Zageris** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

RD

“ Roger,

*David Seibert phoned me today and told me of the sad news of the sudden passing of your wife. Of course words cannot begin to express the sympathy I feel for you and your relatives. My thoughts and prayers are with you over the coming days and weeks. With deepest sympathy,*

*Rick Dole*

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**Rick Dole** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

DS

“ *May I offer my most sincere condolences to Roger and all of Baiba's family. It's so difficult to lose a loved one so suddenly, and Roger, I know these times are truly trying for you. Please remember all the good times you and Baiba had together, as nothing can take that from you. Your friends will always be there through these difficult times.*

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**David Seibert** - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM