



Shirley J. Roe

July 17, 1939 - December 4, 2023

Roe, Shirley J. December 4, 2023, age 84 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of Robert for 62 years. Loving mother of Lori (Jeffrey) Porter and Julie (Paul) Montresor. Proud grandmother of Benjamin, Lucas, and Eva. Dear sister of Lois (the late Eddy) Thompson. Shirley was a member of Praise Community Church for more than 50 years.

A lifelong Plymouth resident, Shirley Joyce Austin was born in Plymouth Hospital on Main Street in 1939. She attended Starkweather School and Plymouth High School, graduating in 1957. As a student, she was a member of National Honors Society, Glee Club and worked as an office assistant during the school day. After high school, Shirley got a scholarship to Cleary Business College where she finished the program with top marks. She worked as a secretary with a natural ability for financial matters at Michigan Consolidated Gas and later Plymouth Schools.

On August 26, 1961, Shirley married Robert Roe at Calvary Baptist Church on Forest Avenue in Plymouth. At the start of their marriage, they led youth groups at Calvary Baptist and Salem Church. She took vocal music lessons at Detroit Bible College through those years. Shirley and Bob moved to Denver, Colorado in 1967 for a couple of years before coming back and settling in Shirley's childhood home in Plymouth to raise daughters Lori and Julie.

During her homemaking years, Shirley was very active at First Baptist Church

(now Praise Community Church) along with getting her daughters to music and art lessons. She served in challenging areas of the church like working on finance committees, helping with audits, setting policies, serving as moderator and editing church documents like the church constitution. Shirley sang in the choir and loved singing with her daughters for special music. She always loved gardening and enjoyed her many plants, vegetables and flowers. Her other hobbies included sewing, painting and reading.

In their retirement, Bob and Shirley welcomed their 3 grandchildren. They enjoyed spending winters in Florida with friends and Shirley loved scouring sales so she could come home with bags of goodies for the grandkids. They hosted fish frys with the fish Bob caught in Michigan and in Florida. Throughout her life, Shirley was an accomplished baker and cook, feeding those in need around her with full meals and giving gifts of homemade jelly and jam or delicious pies and breads to family and friends.

Shirley was a committed Christian who always spoke of her faith freely. Her abiding faith carried her through lifes challenges and some illnesses. Her family will miss her greatly, but we know she is at peace, singing and rejoicing with her Lord Jesus Christ.

Visitation Wednesday, December 6th, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM, Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. In state Thursday, December 7, 10:00 AM until the 11:00 AM Funeral Service at Praise Community Church, 45000 North Territorial Road, Plymouth. Interment Salem-Walker Cemetery, Salem Township. Memorial contributions may be made to The Navigators, Post Office Box 50740, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80949.

Cemetery Details

Salem-Walker Cemetery

7150 Angle Road
Salem Township, MI 48167

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

In state

DEC 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Praise Community Church
45000 North Territorial Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Funeral Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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45000 North Territorial Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Tribute Wall



“ Shirley J. Roe

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Shirley J. Roe.



December 05, 2023 at 11:37 PM



“ Dawn C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley J. Roe.

Dawn C. - December 05, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Raymond, Donna, Kevin, Amy, and Jamie purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Shirley J. Roe.



Raymond, Donna, Kevin, Amy, and Jamie - December 05, 2023 at 02:57 PM

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“ Raymond, Donna, Kevin, Amy, and Jamie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley J. Roe.

Raymond, Donna, Kevin, Amy, and Jamie - December 05, 2023 at 02:57 PM