



## Betty L. Shimko

October 27, 1922 - March 1, 2017

Betty L. Shimko (Cunningham), 94, of Mentor, passed away March 1, 2017 at her home of 66 years. She was born October 27, 1922 in Hudson, OH.

Betty grew up in Hudson and joined the Navy in 1943 as a Pharmacist's Mate at Camp Farragut, Idaho. Afterwards, she worked as a dental assistant. While working for the dentist she met Joe Shimko, the love of her life, and they were married for 62 years. Betty and Joe moved to Mentor in 1951. A charter member of Faith Lutheran, she served the church in many capacities and was active in the choir and directed the Junior Choir. She was a Vocalaire and starred in local musicals. Her appreciation of gardening led her to help found the Garfield Garden Club. She enjoyed being a floral designer at Castello's Greenhouse for over 20 years.

Betty was always thoughtful, kind and generous to everyone. Her favorite things were her children including grands and greats, her many friends and co-workers, making something out of nothing, a cheap pair of expensive shoes, gardening, chocolate and a good glass of wine.

She is survived by her children, Gregory Shimko, Susan Saari, Joseph Timothy Shimko, and Stephan (Jenne) Shimko; grandchildren, Brant (Julie) Shimko, Stephanie Solich, Elizabeth (Kevin) McCusker, Josh (Celestina) Blok and Amanda Shimko; great-grandchildren, Meghan and Leia Solich, Eli, Noah

and Isaac Shimko and Charlie and Lucy McCusker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Shimko; her parents, Robert and Ada Cunningham; and her brother Robert.

The family will receive friends from 3-6 p.m. Sunday at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. A Celebration of Life service will be 10 a.m. Monday at Faith Lutheran Church, 8125 Mentor Ave., Mentor. Interment will be in Mentor Cemetery. The family suggests contributions be made to Faith Lutheran Church, 8125 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Send flowers and offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 974-5733

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 5. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Celebration of Life

MAR 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

Faith Lutheran Church  
8125 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-2229

# Tribute Wall

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“ Greg and I were HS classmates (MHS Class of 1966), and I visited him and Betty at their home several times. The thing I remember most was her delicious lentil soup. I am sad to hear of her passing. Please accept my belated condolences.



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Howard Uhal - August 22, 2020 at 12:37 PM

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“ We are very sad to learn about Bettys' death and want you to know that we were unable to attend any of the services because of health issues. I have so many wonderful memories of the years I shared with her on the Altar guild. She was so creative and we shared a love of flowers. Way and I have been privileged to know the whole family for 60 years at Faith Lutheran Church. May She rest in peace!!!

*With our Love and Sympathy, Wayland and Lois Tenkku.*

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Wayland Tenkku - March 09, 2017 at 11:53 AM

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“ Aunt Betty was one of a kind. She listened and cared! Jim was always in awe of all the Shimkos, but especially Aunt Betty! Wish we could be with you!

*Love to all,*

*Jim and Nancy Taylor* ❤️❤️

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Nancy Taylor - March 04, 2017 at 02:52 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Betty L. Shimko.*



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March 03, 2017 at 08:42 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Betty L. Shimko.*



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March 03, 2017 at 07:47 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty L. Shimko.*



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March 03, 2017 at 04:44 PM



“ *Betty has been a neighbor and a great friend for about 48 years. I loved her dearly and she has been so good to me and my children. I will miss her very much. Kathleen DeBernardi*

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**Kathleen DeBernardi** - March 03, 2017 at 03:22 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Betty L. Shimko.*



March 03, 2017 at 02:08 PM



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**christee shimko** - March 03, 2017 at 01:05 PM



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**christee shimko** - March 03, 2017 at 12:58 PM



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**christee shimko** - March 03, 2017 at 12:51 PM

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“ Sweet Betty. She used to send boxes of her beautiful dried hydrangeas to me in Texas.  
I am grateful for her love and influence in my life.  
My love to all of you, her dear family.  
Christee

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**christee shimko** - March 03, 2017 at 12:45 PM