



Maxine Shiffman

August 3, 1929 - November 4, 2020

Maxine Shiffman, 91 of Hudson, OH, died on November 4, 2020, in the comfort of Hospice Care at the Laurel Lake Senior Community. She was surrounded by loved ones. Born to Beatrice (Schecht) and Harry Wilkes on August 3, 1929 in Brooklyn NY, and raised by her mother and her second husband, Irving W. Adler, Maxine's "real" father. She was predeceased by her beloved partner of 20 years, Frank Green.

Maxine studied at The Fashion Institute of Technology and became a textile designer for Lowenstein & Sons in the Fashion District in New York City. After relocating with her family to Central NY, she became a draftsman for the NYS Department of Transportation. After retirement, she relocated to Painesville, OH, to be close to family. A few years after Maxine met Frank, they moved to the Laurel Lake Retirement Community as active seniors.

Maxine had a life of creativity and volunteering. As a young mother she painted a mural of farm animals on the wall of the nursery, sewed puppets with hand-painted faces, and made her children costumes that always won "best" recognition at holiday parties. Her cooking and baking talents made growing up with her a daily gourmet feast. She made French meat pies, blintzes, sculpted watermelon boats, chocolate mousse, and caramel custard. She was a mainstay at PTA meetings and bake sales, co-led scout troops, and chaperoned their camping trips. She was an amazing knitter, creating

sweaters with intricate designs for everyone in the family. In recent years she continued to knit beautiful hats for the homeless and adorable knit stuffed animals for her great-granddaughters to snuggle.

Her three children, four nieces, and nine grandchildren all received handmade "Grandma Quilts" for their high school graduation gifts. Each one is unique, all are signed and dated, and all are profoundly cherished. Maxine quilted wall hangings and special anniversary gifts, and lap blankets for sick friends. Back in the early 1980s, she won first place for her quilt at the NY State Fair. She had a side gig selling handmade men's neckties for 10 years, mostly so she had an excuse to go to every possible juried arts and crafts show.

She is survived by her children, RitaMarie (Thomas) Guthrie, Naomi Shiffman, and David (Karen) Shiffman, her grandchildren, Benjamin (Sheena) Guthrie, Daniel (Amanda Strauss) Guthrie, Delia Guthrie, Hannah Shiffman, Nate Shiffman, Vonya Shiffman, Devorah Shiffman, Sam Shiffman, and Lucie Shiffman, her great-grandchildren, Beatrice, Rebecca, and Liana, and her former spouse of 25 years, Sidney J. Shiffman, the father of her children.

Due to Covid19 restrictions, a socially-distanced, private family funeral will be held.

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Mentor, OH.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Laurel Lake Foundation, Planned Parenthood, or Temple Beth Shalom of Hudson Ohio.

Tribute Wall

GH

“ I was so sorry to read about the loss of Maxine. She was a special friend to my mother (Nadine) when she moved to Greenwood and I always enjoyed sitting with her when I would have lunch with the ladies. She was such an interesting and caring person who will be missed by many. Gretchen Hurschman Hubach

Gretchen Hubach - November 15, 2020 at 02:28 PM

RI

Thank you. We are grateful that mom had so many wonderful friends.

Rita - November 20, 2020 at 11:11 PM

LP

“ We quilted together for many years . Maxine was always fun to be around. My deepest sympathy to her family. Linda Poole

Linda Poole - November 09, 2020 at 03:50 PM

RI

Thank you, Linda. We are so blessed to have so many of Mom's quilted works of art that she gifted to my siblings and me, our children, and my grandchildren.

Rita - November 20, 2020 at 11:13 PM

PW

“ I have fond memories of Grandma Max riding with me to Allentown. I did not have to talk as she was very good at it!! So sorry for your loss.

Patricia Wilcoxon - November 06, 2020 at 09:07 AM

RG

Thank you, Patty! Mom was so grateful to have such a friendly, gracious person to bring her to visit! I'm sure she talked your ear off.



Rita Guthrie - November 08, 2020 at 05:59 PM

DG

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Denise Green - November 05, 2020 at 10:52 PM

RG

We love these photos of Nom and Frank! Thank you for posting them.



Rita Guthrie - November 08, 2020 at 06:01 PM

LP

Beautiful photos.

Linda Poole - November 09, 2020 at 03:51 PM

MW

“ *Rita I'm so sorry, lovely obituary, she was such a lovely lady, and artist. I truly feel your pain as you know. I miss Mom everyday and think of her. Kevin and I send hugs and prayers to you and your whole family.* ❤️❤️❤️🙏

Michelle Wolbach - November 05, 2020 at 08:06 PM

RG

Thank you, Shelly.

Rita Guthrie - November 08, 2020 at 06:01 PM

RS

“ Deepest condolences and much love to Rita and all of the family on the loss of your incredible mom, grandmother and great-grandmother.

I fondly remember the countless times your mother would come watch our Sweet Adelines chorus rehearsals when she was in town for a visit and I so appreciated that she would be there.

You are each a loving testament to Maxine.

May her memory be a blessing.

*Love,
Robin Southgate*

Robin Southgate - November 05, 2020 at 05:46 PM

RI

Thank you for sharing your memories of Mom coming to rehearsals. She was a big fan! 🎵❤️

Rita - November 08, 2020 at 06:37 PM