



## Shirley J. Niccum (nee: Zanzig)

March 1, 1931 - October 18, 2025

Shirley J. Niccum (nee: Zanzig), 94, of Mentor, passed away Saturday, October 18, 2025 at Salida Woods, Mentor. She was born March 1, 1931 in Euclid to the late Ernest and Evelyn Zanzig.

Shirley grew up in Euclid and was a 1949 graduate of Shore High School. Upon graduation, she went to work for General Electric at Nela Park. Shirley married Robert Niccum in December of 1952, and they were happily married for 68 years.

Shirley loved to laugh and enjoyed spending time with her family. She loved gardening and landscaping. The tall trees around her former homes are a testament to her horticultural skills. She was an avid golfer and athlete, who belonged to as many as three golf leagues at one time.

Shirley and Bob were enthusiastic weekend campers and following retirement they traveled extensively throughout the United States.

Survivors include her children, Doug (Pam) Niccum, Laurel (Al) Rakas and Janet (John) Just; grandchildren, Kari (Jake) Hildreth, Kristin (Alex) Rosenberg, Lilly Rakas and Zachary Just; great grandchildren, Kate Hildreth and Penny Rosenberg and many nieces, nephews and other loving family members and friends.

Preceding Shirley in death are her husband, Robert F. Niccum and brothers, Ronald Zanzig and Gary Zanzig.

Family and friends will be received from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Thursday, November 6, 2025 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060. A memorial service to conclude the gathering will begin at 1:00 p.m., at the funeral home. A committal service will follow in Mentor Cemetery, 6881 Hopkins Rd., Mentor, Ohio 44060. Please meet at the Niche in section 30.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in honor of Shirley may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve P.O. Box 72101, Cleveland 44192. Donate online at [www.hospicewr.org](http://www.hospicewr.org)

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

NOV 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 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/>

## Memorial Service

NOV 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JZ

“ Jeff Zanzig purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Shirley J. Niccum (nee: Zanzig).



Jeff Zanzig - November 04, 2025 at 11:35 PM

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“ Jeff Zanzig planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley J. Niccum (nee: Zanzig).

Jeff Zanzig - November 04, 2025 at 11:35 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Shirley J. Niccum (nee: Zanzig).



November 04, 2025 at 12:54 PM

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“ With love, The JC & Jeff Givens Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Shirley J. Niccum (nee: Zanzig).



With love, The JC & Jeff Givens Families - October 29, 2025 at 08:06 PM

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“ With love, The JC & Jeff Givens Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley J. Niccum (nee: Zanzig).

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**With love, The JC & Jeff Givens Families** - October 29, 2025 at 08:06 PM