



Michele "Shelly" Jayne Bahney

April 30, 1952 - November 23, 2022

Michele Jayne "Shelly" Bahney, 70, of Akron, Indiana passed surrounded by family at 9:54 am, Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at her daughter's residence.

Shelly was born on April 30, 1952 in Peru, Indiana to the late Max J. and Mary Jane (Phillipy) Gearhart. She was a 1970 graduate of Akron High School. In earlier years she was the cashier at the Akron Grocery Store as well as working at Cooksey's Freezer Fresh, The Bindery of North Manchester, Peabody Retirement Community, YMCA of Peru, and babysat for numerous families over the years.

Shelly was a caring person. She enjoyed being able to take care of children and always tried to be heartwarming and giving. She absolutely loved her family and was proud to be raised in Akron. She served on the 4th of July Committee and was a part of the church bus youth ministry at the Akron Church of God. She was raised to respect her elders. Shelly also enjoyed watching classic tv shows and her soap operas.

She is survived by her children Justin and wife Mandy Gearhart of Akron, A'shel Bahney of Warsaw, Josh Bahney and significant other Bethann Ewing of Gilead; grandchildren Victoria and husband Carlos Rosas, Marisha, Isaiah, Madison and wife Hazel Gearhart, Jake and fiancé Hannah, and Connor;

great grandchildren Ayven, Leegan, and Ayzlynn; siblings Melea Gearhart and Randy Shaver of Akron and Michael and wife Terry Gearhart of Akron; and several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the local EMS and First Responders that came to her rescue, as well as Elara Hospice for their special care.

Shelly was preceded in death by her parents, brother Marty Gearhart, and a grandson Branigan Bahney.

The funeral service will take place at 5:00 pm, Monday, Nov. 28, 2022 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana with Rev. Dr. Amber Karkosky-Litten officiating.

Shelly's final remembrance place will be in the Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw, Indiana.

Visitation hours will be from 2 pm to 5 pm, Monday, Nov. 28, 2022 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Henry Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

Warsaw, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 28. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Hartzler Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Michele "Shelly" Jayne Bahney



Hartzler Funeral Services - November 26, 2022 at 11:18 AM

DG

Shelly was a very special lady and one of my favorite cousins. I always enjoyed our talks. I will miss her sooo much. My prayers, sympathy and heart goes out to her family. She was a great mom and grandma. I've heard many great stories.. ❤️

Diane Gearhart - November 26, 2022 at 03:54 PM

BW

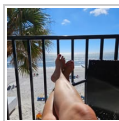
What a beautiful tribute to such a beautiful lady. She loved her family so much.
Diane Warren

Butch and Diane Warren - November 27, 2022 at 02:09 PM

TR

I'm so sorry for your loss. Shelley was such a kind and caring person. I'll remember her smile always. Prayers of comfort and peace for the family. Ty Rice

Ty Rice - November 27, 2022 at 04:31 PM



Prayers of strength to the family in this time of loss.

Cindy Zeller - November 28, 2022 at 11:22 AM

SB

“ *Sandi Bahney lit a candle in memory of Michele "Shelly" Jayne Bahney*



Sandi Bahney - November 28, 2022 at 02:51 PM

KD

“ *Shelly always remained the sweet little girl I babysat for. She was always kind to me as were Max and Jane. A special place in my heart is reserved for the Gearhart family. I rejoice in their reunion and trust there are banana sandwiches in heaven. My heart felt love to you all. Kay*



Kay DuBois - November 28, 2022 at 08:20 AM

MP

“ *Melinda Pratt lit a candle in memory of Michele "Shelly" Jayne Bahney*



Melinda Pratt - November 27, 2022 at 11:47 PM

TR

“ *Ty Rice lit a candle in memory of Michele "Shelly" Jayne Bahney*



Ty Rice - November 27, 2022 at 04:26 PM

JB

“ *Jim And Shirley Bickel lit a candle in memory of Michele "Shelly" Jayne Bahney*



Jim and Shirley Bickel - November 27, 2022 at 02:45 PM

BW

“ *To all of the family of Shelly, we send our deepest sympathy for such a loss of someone so precious. Shelly lived in an apartment behind the post office where I was employed, and we talked everyday. She was such an angelic soul with such a beautiful heart, and she will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. R.I.P. my dear friend...you are walking with God now, and I knew just how much you love Him.*



Butch and Diane Warren - November 27, 2022 at 01:58 PM



“ *18 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Hartzler Funeral Services - November 27, 2022 at 01:51 PM



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Hartzler Funeral Services - November 27, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ *Diane Gearhart lit a candle in memory of Michele "Shelly" Jayne Bahney*



Diane Gearhart - November 26, 2022 at 03:55 PM



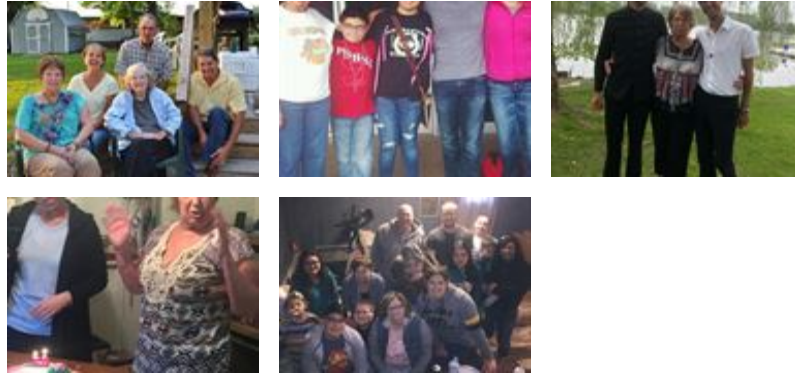
“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michele "Shelly" Jayne Bahney.*



November 26, 2022 at 12:01 PM



“ 94 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hartzler Funeral Services - November 26, 2022 at 11:13 AM

PS

“ Thoughts are with the family. Shelly was a thoughtful, caring person. She will be missed.



Peggy Sellers - November 25, 2022 at 11:41 PM

MM

“ So Sorry for the Loss of Shelly. She was a Great Friend. We went to School together In Akron. Shelly will be Greatly Missed. Prayers to her Family. R.I.P. SHELLY.



Mike and Vicki Meyer - November 25, 2022 at 05:49 PM

SG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Shelly was always so thoughtful, remembering me on my birthday and many holidays. She will surely be missed.



Shirley Gray - November 25, 2022 at 04:33 PM

JW

“ Judy Walgamuth lit a candle in memory of Michele "Shelly" Jayne Bahney



Judy Walgamuth - November 25, 2022 at 02:09 PM