



## Berneice M. Schinske

October 14, 1921 - May 10, 2018

Berneice M. Schinske, 96, of Eau Claire, died Thursday, May 10, 2018, at Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Services celebrating her life will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, May 16, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sodus. Burial will follow at Riverview Cemetery in St. Joseph. You are invited to meet with her family and friends on Tuesday, May 15, from 5 PM to 8 PM at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township. Memorials may be made to Michigan Lutheran High School or St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sodus. Please share memories, messages or photos at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Berneice was born in Baroda Township on October 14, 1921 to Rudolph and Elsa Witkowski. She married George Schinske on Oct. 14, 1950 and he preceded her in death in 1996 after nearly 46 years of marriage. She was a longtime member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sodus. Tending her rose garden brought hours of enjoyment and beauty to her life. Berneice has resided at the Royal Manor for the last three years and the family appreciates the caregivers there. But of all the things Berneice enjoyed, spending time with her family and friends was what she cherished the most. She was the best Mom and Grandma in the world.

Her family includes her children: Janet (Mike) Swisher, Benton Harbor, Susan

(David) Kraklau, Watervliet, and Gregory (Carol) Schinske, St. Joseph; her 11 grandchildren; her 19 great-grandchildren; her 5 great-great-grandchildren; her sister, Patricia Bury-Shannon of Seattle, WA; her sister-in-law, Wanda Witkowski and her many nieces and nephews. Besides her husband, Berneice was preceded by 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverview Cemetery

2925 Niles Rd  
Saint Joseph, MI 49085  
rvcemetery@parrett.net  
<http://www.sjcity.com/services/riverview.phtml>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 15.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service  
1053 East Napier Avenue  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
(269) 926-7222  
staff@florin.net

## Services Celebrating Her Life

**MAY 16.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Sodus  
3713 Naomi Road  
Sodus, MI 49126

# Tribute Wall

MP

“ I have many memories of my neighbor of the 53 years Gary & I lived next to Berneice & George. My thoughts, sympathy & prayers are with you all...Merikay

Merikay Pope - May 19, 2018 at 10:52 AM

YF

“ Your Whirlpool Family purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Berneice M. Schinske.



Your Whirlpool Family - May 14, 2018 at 09:15 AM

PB

“ Patti B. lit a candle in memory of Berneice M. Schinske



Patti B. - May 11, 2018 at 05:00 AM

PB

Dear Suzie,  
I am so sorry for your loss. You Mom was a wonderful mother. She will be missed greatly.

Patti B. - May 11, 2018 at 05:01 AM