



## Shelby J. Hardy

December 13, 1937 - January 20, 2010

Shelby Jean Hardy, 72, of Benton Township died Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at her home surrounded by her family.

Services celebrating her life will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, January 25, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township with Rev. William Hughes and Rev. Michael Fields officiating. Burial will follow in Millburg Cemetery in Benton Township. The family will receive friends and relatives beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Monday at the Fairplain Chapel. Memorials may be made to Hospice at Home or the American Cancer Society.

Shelby was born on December 13, 1937 in Caruthersville, MO to Harvey and Gladys Rutherford. She married her husband, Leon Hardy, on June 5, 1954 in Benton Harbor and together they have celebrated 56 years of marriage. She was a hairdresser and operated Shelly's Style Shop in Millburg for many years. After closing the shop in Millburg she continued to do hair in her home. She also worked at VM and Benedix for 14 years. Shelby enjoyed hunting and fishing. She also enjoyed the family meals together and loved to take care of everyone. Shelby had a good understanding heart that was generous and supportive in the nurturing of her family. She was the best nanny that her grandchildren could ever have.

She is survived by her husband, Leon; her children, Anthony Hardy of

Nashville, TN, Robin (Rhonda) Hardy of Niles, Pam (Bob) Kurland of Pensacola, FL, Chris Hardy of Tampa, FL, and Penny (Reg) Martine of Benton Harbor; her brothers, Bobby Rutherford of Scottsdale, AZ and Larry Rutherford of Gulfport, MS; her sister, Mona Groenheide of Kalamazoo; her 15 grandchildren and her 9 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Maxie.

# Cemetery Details

## Millburg Cemetery

Roslin Road  
Benton Township, MI 49022

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 25.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service  
1053 East Napier Avenue  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
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staff@florin.net

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Shelby..... All of my fond memories and all the good times will always be with me forever. May God's loving arms embrace you. One day I will see you again. I love you. you were such a special beautiful lady, a good friend, a mentor, and like a 2nd Mom. I will never forget you. God bless you.  
I love you!*

*Lenette Evans*

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**Lenette Evans** - February 04, 2010 at 12:25 AM



“ *To The Hardy Family..... You all have been like family too me for so many, many years and Shelby was such a dear friend and like a second Mom too me. She was a great woman of great wisdom. She was there for me during the good times and the bad times. Penny and Chris and I had some great times together. I will never forget Shelby's laughter or her smile. She opened her heart and her home to everyone and had a passion for people. She gave so much unconditional love and she was loved by all who met her and knew her. Her memory will live on.  
I pray the Lord will give Leon, Pam, Penny, Chris, Robin, Anthony and all the nieces and nephews an abundance of Peace that will surround all of you in many years to come. When you feel a tear coming on just know God is near and Shelby is too but you will ALL have her wonderful memories to look back on with a smile!  
I love and care about you ALL so very, very much and God bless you and be with you and may God's word and a closer walk with the Lord help comfort you always.*

*Love ya...Lenette Evans*

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**Lenette Evans** - January 27, 2010 at 09:06 PM

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“ Dear Nanny, I hope Heaven is just as beautiful as we all imagine it to be! I miss you so much already - your phone calls, your fried chicken, and your back scratches, among everything else! I know I have the best guardian angel watching over me now and for that I am grateful! I love you so much.

xoxo

Amber

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**Amber Martine** - January 26, 2010 at 03:48 PM

KK

“ To the Family of Shelby Hardy,  
Our thoughts and Prayers are with your family during this time of grief.

May tomorrow the sun will shine and a new rainbow show.

Pastor Richard & Kathy Kiser Family

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**Kathy Kiser** - January 25, 2010 at 08:16 AM

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“ shelby, was the most generous person i have known. i'll always remember her, she was like a 2nd mom too me. i don't think there is a person in millburg that didn't know her and respect her. i remember when she would come in where i worked and ask if i was having a meal for the holidays and even if i said yes, she would bring me a meal anyway. i'll never forget her smile, or the warmth of her heart. may god bless you and be with you all.

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**danny prince** - January 24, 2010 at 01:46 PM



“ *Shelby, was the the most dearest friend I have ever known. She was like a 2nd Mom too me. Shelby always had a good heart and she would put others before herself. She always went the extra mile and her laughter and her smile just made you smile.*

*I have known Shelby ever since I was 15 years old and have known the whole family.*

*I remember when Shelby worked at the Purple Onion, over on M-139 and I-94 she wuld work the night shift and I would stop in a few times a week and visit with her having coffee.*

*Shelby took pride in her work and she really disliked anyone that was lazy that never gave it their all like she did. I had a cleaning business for over 20 years and many times Shelby has helped me on jobs. I remember Shelby helping me with 30 other workers I had doing the new construction clean-up and their was a guy that was sitting around doing nothing. Shelby let me know about it. She was a hard worker and always expected others to give their 100% in what they did in life and to take pride in the work they do for others. Their are so many, many memories to share here and I have been so honored and blessed to have known Shelby and the hardy family because you all have been like family too me.*

*Leon, Pam, Penny, Robin, Anthony and Chris my heart goes out to all of you all so deeply for the lost of your Mother. She was truly a beautiful woman and you ALL have been so blessed in many abundant ways to have her for all these wonderful years.*

*I pray that through the weeks, the months and the years that each of your memories will help heal your hearts but I pray that God's love and his strength be with each of you and that God's word will help you draw closer to him.*

*I know one thing and that is that as Shelby, entered heaven she will longer be in pain and have to suffer and the Lord has given her a new body. WOW! There will come a day where will see Shelby, again.*

*May God be with all of you and give you strength and wrap his loving arms around you. Know that the Lord sees your pain and knows the heaviness your heart is feeling. But know that God is there with you and loves you and wants to give you comfort. God*

*bless you and be with you.*

*Love always...Lenette*

*(A good friend)*

*St. Joseph, MI*



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**Lenette Evans** - January 23, 2010 at 12:32 AM

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“ *Shelby was always very generous and kind and very fun! We will all miss her very much*

*Shawn & Steve Foster*

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**Shawn & Steve Foster** - January 22, 2010 at 10:15 AM