



Name: Darlene Shuart  
Age: 90  
Hometown: Bad Axe & Port Austin  
Funeral Date: Not Available  
Date of Birth: February 22, 1933  
Date of Passing: June 19, 2023  
Funeral Home: [Kaufman Funeral Home](#)

### **Funeral Information**

In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service for Darlene will be held in the fall with arrangements being made by Kaufman Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army or Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bad Axe, Michigan. Memories and condolences can be shared at [www.kaufmanfuneralhome.com](http://www.kaufmanfuneralhome.com).

### **Family of the Deceased**

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her siblings Helen Kautz, Edward Detgen, Ernie Detgen, Evelyn Penfold, LaVern Detgen, and by her most beloved grandson, Brandon Vegenski. A debt of gratitude to Compassus Hospice for the two years of superior care, compassion and excellent guidance provided to the family. We also acknowledge the wonderful and caring staff at Country Gardens Assisted Living where she lived the past seven months.

### **Biography**

DARLENE (DETGEN) SHUART, 90, of Bad Axe and Port Austin, passed away peacefully at Country Gardens in Pigeon, Michigan surrounded by her daughters on Monday, June 19, 2023. She enjoyed her last euchre game the previous Wednesday evening. Darlene was born on February 22, 1933 in Bad Axe, daughter of the late Louis and Mamie Detgen. She graduated from Bad Axe High School in 1950. She moved to Detroit to work as a teletype operator, where she lived until she moved back to Bad Axe to wed and raise a family. Even after having children, she continued to work. She retired from Hamill Manufacturing after many years of service. Darlene had a deep and unwavering faith, and a strong moral compass. She was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church for most of her life where she attended services every week and served as a member of the Altar Committee and the Women's Group. She loved attending Pastor Lueke's Bible Study classes.

Darlene stood up for what she believed was right. She sent many letters to senators, presidents, CEO's, policemen, business owners and corporations - whoever she felt should hear her voice. Darlene led a rich life, deeply connected with nature, her home, and the community around her. She enjoyed playing cards and games, line dancing and the Polka. She was an avid gardener, and her basement was filled with canned vegetables, fruits and meats every fall. Over the years, she shared gifts of crocheted afghans with many loved ones. During the last months of her life she crocheted over 25 prayer squares for her friends and family members. It gave her purpose, and was her final gift to everyone lucky enough to receive one. Darlene would do anything for her family and friends. She was a proud and loyal protector of her family, extended family and friends. She is survived by four daughters, Darnell Shuart Schoen (Paul), of Covington, Louisiana; Denise Carriveau (Tom), of Sand Point, Michigan; Darla Vegenski (Mike), of Brandon, Florida; and Devry Shuart van Maastrigt (Rudolf) of The Netherlands. She was deeply loved by her five grandchildren, Chad Carriveau (Melissa), Jordan Carriveau (Courtney), Michael Vegenski (Nicole), and Elly Schoen (Keith Harvey); great grandchildren Kyle Talaski (Olivia Ray), Britani Carriveau Sunderman (Jacob), Matthew Carriveau, Alice and Josie Carriveau, and Harbor Vegenski. She is also survived by a great-great granddaughter, Maeve Sunderman, born the day Darlene passed. Another great-great granddaughter is arriving very soon.