



## Shelby Joy Gibbons

March 20, 1937 - July 19, 2018

Shelby Joy Gibbons, age 81, of Drummond Island, Michigan, passed away, on July 19, 2018 in Petoskey, Michigan. She was born on March 20, 1937 on Drummond Island, to Halley and Dorothy (Bailey) MacDonald.

Shelby grew up in Detour, Michigan and graduated from Detour High School in 1955. After High School Shelby met Thomas Arthur Gibbons of Drummond Island, and on May 18, 1957 they were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Detour. It was on Drummond where they settled and raised their three children. For the first years of their marriage, Shelby worked as a waitress at Hilka's restaurant, then as a housekeeper for the Bailey's, owners of the Yacht Haven on Drummond. After several years as a house keeper Shelby was employed at Domino's Lodge where she showed her talents in laying out their Golf Pro Shop. After eight years at the lodge she started her own craft and gift shop "Shelby's Almost Amish".

Shelby was a member of the St. Florence Catholic Church Guild on Drummond Island and the Drummond Island Homemakers Association.

Shelby loved baking and cooking, not just for her own family but for everyone. She enjoyed crafts, painting, and made homemade gift cards that she sold in her shop.

Shelby is survived by her children, Thomas (Barb) Gibbons of Allendale, Michigan, Hallie (Gary) Kott of Raber, Michigan, and Jody (Sue) Gibbons of Drummond Island; grandchildren, Dustin (Jaime) Gibbons, Garrett (Christina) Gibbons, Erin (Kurt) Cornwell, Gary (Holly) Kott, Craig Gibbons, Brandon & Nicole Melcer, and Bradley Wirgau; great-grandchildren, Haley, Kurty, Michael, Cambree, Barrette, Leaunna; brother, Michael (Lisa) MacDonald of Drummond Island; sisters, Catherine Brady of Detour, Molly (John) Thompson of Hessel and Muriel (Bob) Sharpe of Flint; sister-in-law, Charlene McDonald of Sault Ste. Marie, several nieces and nephews, and best friend Barbara Rice.

Shelby is preceded in death by her husband, Tom Gibbons; parents; brother, Halley MacDonald; sister, Cheri Keller; and brother-in-law, Cliff Brady.

Visitation will be held on July 23, 2018 from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M at the Drummond Island Township Hall. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on July 24, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Florence Catholic Church on Drummond Island. Father Jose Cherian will be Celebrant.

Burial will follow at Drummond Island Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **23.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Drummond Island Township Hall  
29935 E. Pine St.  
Drummond Island, MI 49726

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL **24.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St Florence Catholic Church  
34138 S Townline Road  
Drummond Island, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Shelby Joy Gibbons*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Shelby Joy Gibbons*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Shelby Joy Gibbons*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Mothers are certainly someone special, cherish the memories. Much love to you all, Hilary and the rest of the Fountain Family.*



Hilary Fountain - July 24, 2018 at 06:46 AM



“ *When I utter your name, aunt “Shelby” or hear your name uttered a sense of calm comes over me. You spread grace, charm and class over an entire island of inhabitants and to all those that visited. You are loved by so many and will be missed. Rest In Peace graceful lady. 💜*

Jacqueline Church - July 24, 2018 at 06:37 AM

MG

“ *Very sad to hear, she always made me feel like I was at home. Loved her and will miss her, Morey Gibbons nephew.*

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**morey gibbons** - July 23, 2018 at 04:55 PM

PA

“ *My deepest sympathy to Shelby's family. The McDonald family and Lehman family grew up together on the same street in DeTour a couple of doors from each other. I have many fond memories of Shelby and her brothers and sisters. Patsy Lehman Anderson*

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**Patricia Anderson** - July 23, 2018 at 03:41 PM

KW

“ *The family of Shelby Gibbons:  
I am so sorry for your loss. It's been many years since i have been to the island (I believe Aunt Dorothy's funeral). I remember going quite a few times as a child. My father was Dan McDonald (Mick), your mother's first cousin. I always heard my dad and his sisters speak of how close they all were as children. She always made us feel at home when we visited. She was a great lady. Again I'm sorry for your loss.*

*Kari (McDonald) Willis*

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**Kari Willis** - July 23, 2018 at 02:12 PM

DB

“ *RIP dear Shelby. Always that beautiful smile you carried through life, no matter what, you could see God's hand at work. Many of us will NEVER forget those incredible lemon meringue pies at St Florence Hunter's Dinner. It has been a pleasure to know you. I pray your family lots of strength to get through this difficult time because your loss is going to be felt far 'n wide, for a long time dear friend.*  
*Donna Burden*

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**Donna Burden** - July 23, 2018 at 11:02 AM

SB

“ *Our thoughts & prayers to Shelby's children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and extended family. She will be remembered as kind & gentle soul. Sherie & Richard Bailey*

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**Sherie Bailey** - July 22, 2018 at 10:08 PM

CM

“ *Dear Tom, We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mom. You have our sincerest sympathies. Remember the smiles and wonderful memories. Thinking of you and your family at this difficult time.*

*Steve and Cathy Mason*

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**Cathy Mason** - July 22, 2018 at 01:02 PM

DM

“ Tom,

*So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She wa a nice lady. Hope you are doing well. You were always one of my favorite student/athletes. Condolences also to Jody and Hallie.*

*Dave Miller*

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**David F. Miller** - July 22, 2018 at 12:20 PM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Shelby Joy Gibbons.*



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July 22, 2018 at 10:32 AM



“ *I remember Uncle Tom would bring me home with him, and it was always a surprise to Aunt Shelby. (Didn't seem to bother her one bit). I knew I was always welcome. She would feed us dinner and then make us bowls of ice cream.. I miss those days. So happy we got to spend time with her at her 80th birthday party. Love you Aunt Shelby! Give Uncle Tom a kiss for me!!*

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**Lisha Slater** - July 22, 2018 at 08:00 AM

LB

“ Love- Dawn and Rich, Nicole and Taylor and Brandon purchased the *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket* for the family of Shelby Joy Gibbons.



Love- Dawn and Rich, Nicole and Taylor and Brandon - July 21, 2018 at 10:49 PM

RG

“ Rhonda Ross and Natassia Grischke purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Shelby Joy Gibbons.



Rhonda Ross and Natassia Grischke - July 21, 2018 at 10:36 PM

TG

“ Tom Koliba & Girls purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Shelby Joy Gibbons.



Tom Koliba & Girls - July 21, 2018 at 08:25 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Shelby Joy Gibbons.



July 21, 2018 at 07:04 PM

MD

“ Mike & Diane purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Shelby Joy Gibbons.



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**Mike & Diane** - July 21, 2018 at 04:48 PM

LD

“ I was a classmate of Shelby's. She was a wonderful friend and lots and lots of fun. We were in the same cabin on our class trip. What fun we had. I have fond memories of Shelby and our time growing up. My deepest sympathy and prayers to the family. She will be missed by all that knew her.

*Leona Leonard DeKeyser*

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**Leona Leonard DeKeyser** - July 21, 2018 at 04:20 PM

JB

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Aunt Shelby and Uncle Tom. She was an amazing woman and their love for each other was an inspiration He was such a character and she was the grace in his life. She was so good to all of us who were blessed to be able to call her "Aunt". She was the epitome of what a woman, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother should be. She was a true grace filled, faithful woman. Tom, Hallie and Jody I know how much you will miss her and our prayers are with all of you. How wonderful that she and your Dad are together again. God bless.

*Josie and Dick*

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**Josie Benoit** - July 21, 2018 at 12:48 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Shelby Joy Gibbons.*



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July 21, 2018 at 11:52 AM



“ *Your Mom was a good friend I will miss her. She was a great lady, always full of fun. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless you all*

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**sharon sadegh** - July 20, 2018 at 11:03 PM



*I will miss the phone visits with Cousin Shelby. She was a lovely, thoughtful lady.*

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**Joy Cameron** - July 21, 2018 at 07:30 PM



“ *I remember the girls only sleep-over and having so much fun in the jacuzzi at Jeri's new house. The great boat trip from Little Current and on to Bae Fin with Hallie, Junior and you! Soooo many good memories to mention.....You were one of "the keepers" a good friend and a great and talented person to work with. We will miss you Shelby..God Speed!!*

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**Marshall & Jolene** - July 20, 2018 at 08:08 PM

Jackie  
Gable  
Chrzan

“ *Your mom was a very special lady and was loved by everyone who knew her. She could make a lemon meringue pie that was out of this world Please know that we share in your grief and extend our deepest sympathy to all of you.*  
*Chuck & Jackie*



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**Jackie Gable Chrzan** - July 20, 2018 at 07:19 PM

M&

“ *We are so very saddened to hear of your moms passing. She will be remembered for her kindness. Shelby was one in a million and an amazing cook She also raised 3 great kids she was very proud of.. Cherish the many memories if we can do anything know we are here for you. With our deepest sympathy,*  
*Mike & Diane*



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**M&D** - July 20, 2018 at 05:28 PM