



## Marcelene K. Sechrist Hutchings

December 13, 1926 - March 30, 2021

Marcelene K. Sechrist Hutchings, 94, of Indianapolis, passed away March 30, 2021. She was born December 13, 1926 to the late Charles R. and Ruth E. Killion. Marci was a graduate of Thomas Carr Howe High School. She was the Editor and Advertising Director for the Lawrence Journal for 13 years. After she and her husband Gene sold the Journal, Marci was the Director of The Lawrence Bureau of Motor Vehicles for 16 years. She was a longtime member of Episcopal Church of the Nativity. Marci had a zest for life and loved all of her 94 years. Her greatest love was for her family. She was always thrilled to attend any family gathering. Her family will greatly miss her. Marci loved retelling stories of the “old days” of the Depression, WWII, and the many houses she lived in as a girl with her parents and grandparents, recalling the exact address of each. She raised three boys, of which she was enormously proud and her boys feel likewise. She was adamant, even after a divorce, that they would all attend college. With many years of working and borrowing to pay tuition bills, her dream was realized. She loved her many dogs over her lifetime, and was blessed to know before her passing that her beloved dog, Sugar, would be adopted by her dear friend, Jan.

Public visitation will be Tuesday, April 13, 2021 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road. Due to COVID, funeral services will be private at Church of the Nativity, 7300 Lantern Road.

Marci is survived by her sons, Michael C. Sechrist (Keeter) and Kenneth A. Sechrist (Pamela); grandchildren, Abbe Bedel, Nathaniel Sechrist, Eric Sechrist, Brooke Miranda, Tori Sechrist and Matthew Sechrist; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Robert M. Sechrist; second husband, Eugene R. Hutchings; son, David R. Sechrist; and sister, Judith K. Rupich.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Indianapolis Humane Society and/or Folds of Honor. Online condolences may be made at [www.shirleybrothers.com](http://www.shirleybrothers.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 13. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel  
9900 N. Allisonville Road  
Fishers, IN 46038  
(317) 841-7878  
[info@shirleybrothers.com](mailto:info@shirleybrothers.com)  
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

## Private Funeral Service

APR 13 (ET)

Church of the Nativity  
7300 Lantern Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46256  
(317) 849-3656  
<http://www.nativity-indy.org>

# Tribute Wall

MH

“ Dear Mike and Ken,  
So sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom. Know that I am thinking of you and your family as you celebrate her life.

*I didn't know Marci well, but I remember her kind smile and gentle, soft spoken way.*

*But I do know her sons well...as a parent one could hardly imagine having better sons. Loving, loyal, dedicated men who try their best to always do the right thing. So my take is, she must have been one great Mom! You are lucky guys and she was a lucky Mom.*

*May God bless and keep you in loving remembrance.*

*Haze*

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**Mark Hessemann** - April 17, 2021 at 03:22 AM

MS

*I haven't checked this site in a few days and I'm sorry to be late responding. Eric and family have been visiting from CO and just left to return home. 😞*

*Mark, your comments and sentiment are really great and spark myriad thoughts and memories about Mom. She was a great Mom, up to the end and I miss her.*

*Thanks for writing Mark. I hope you are well and we can see you soon.*

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**mike sechrist** - April 27, 2021 at 11:46 PM



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**Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory** - April 14, 2021 at 10:40 AM

SM

“ As a young boy, my family and Marci's family were neighbors. I became good childhood friends with her 3 sons and was a classmate of David's. We spent lots of time together and Marci always made me feel welcome in their home. She made the very best peanut butter and jelly sandwiches! I recall when Marci worked at the Lawrence Journal and the last time I recall seeing her was at the license branch in the early 1970's.

*Rest In Peace Marci. My sincere condolences to Mike, Kenny and other family members.*

*Steve Mason  
Fairview, Texas*

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**Steve Mason** - April 08, 2021 at 01:47 PM

MS

*Steve, great to hear from you and thanks for writing. Amazing that you would share your memories. It wasn't 2-3 mos ago that Mom and I were talking about the old days on Hartman Dr and all the neighbors. We went up and down the street naming the neighbors and where everyone loved, kids' names etc. We talked about your house, you and your parents. She loved your parents.*

*Thanks again.*

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**mike sechrist** - April 09, 2021 at 10:04 AM

EF

“ It hurts thinking that I can no longer pick up the phone & call Marci. No matter what time I called her, she would say 'I love hearing your voice'. There was a time when we went to Wal Mart (I think it was). She got one of those battery-operated cart things, & she took off like she was in a race car. I had trouble keeping up with her, so I finally said, 'Marci, I'm going to browse around because I can't keep up with you'. She said 'fine' & took off again. I saw that little white hair going up & down the aisles. When we finished & checked out, she rode that cart to my car. We unloaded our things in my trunk. Then I said, 'what do we do with the cart?' She said it had to go back to the store. I didn't know how to work it, but I got on & pushed 'go'. I headed for the store; &, as luck would have it, the battery died in the middle of the parking lot - blocking traffic. I tried to push it but it was too heavy - finally, some man came over & pushed it out of the way. I turned around & saw Marci standing by my car & laughing my head off. Makes me laugh just thinking about it. Thank you Kenny & Michael for 'keeping me in the loop'. We will miss her so much.  
Love, Fuzz & Eva (sorry I'm writing so much)

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**Eva Fazekas** - April 06, 2021 at 03:07 PM

CH

“ Our sincerest condolences for your loss of a very special woman.

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**Charlie Hutchings** - April 06, 2021 at 10:14 AM