



Shirley M Ward

June 15, 1934 - March 30, 2017

Shirley M. Ward, 82, retired Administrative Assistant for the Department of Energy, passed away in Owasso, Oklahoma on March 30, 2017.

Shirley was born on June 15, 1934 in Scranton, Pennsylvania to parents Robert and Blanche (Gorecki) Moss. She was a member of the 1952 graduating class of Montgomery Blair High School in Maryland.

For Shirley, spending time with her family was the thing that she treasured most. Family was always her main focus, and they brought her a tremendous amount of joy and pride. Shirley always stayed active and her list of hobbies and interests was wide and varied. She enjoyed listening to Big Band Music, dancing, bowling, and golf. Shirley had a love for the outdoors, whether it was working in her garden or traveling to one of her favorite beaches in Destin, Florida or Ocean City, Maryland. Shirley also enjoyed knitting, painting, and reading. She had an active, inquisitive mind and a true zest for life. Shirley was an amazing woman, and she will be greatly missed by her loving family and friends.

Shirley is survived by her four children, Diane Franklin of Fairmont, West Virginia, Deborah Schwegman and husband Doug of Bartlesville, Frank Gibbs of Marietta, Georgia and Sharon Lewis and husband Gary of Middletown, Maryland; five grandchildren, Ashley Hady and husband Andrew, Brian Lewis, Nick DuVarney, Michael Lewis and Delaney Gibbs; a sister, Bernice Polen of Lexington, South Carolina and numerous nieces and nephews who loved her very much.

Funeral services have not yet been set but will be announced by Stumpff Funeral Home at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to Alzheimer's Association of Oklahoma, 2448 E. 81st St., Suite 3000, Tulsa, OK 74137 in Shirley's name.

Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley M Ward*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Shirley M Ward*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Oh Miss Shirley, I certainly loved when Sharon would bring you to me to get your hair done! You were always so sweet, funny, smiling, laughing.....enjoying life! So thankful I had the opportunity to know and love you. You will be missed dear lady!*

tina m delauter - April 15, 2017 at 04:23 PM



“ *I'll always remember Mrs. Gibbs for the kind, vibrant, caring woman she was. What a great laugh Shirley had! Sharon, I will always be grateful for taking our Moms on vacation and for our enduring lifelong friendship. To the entire family, I am so sorry for your loss. We all grieve with you.*

Melanie Shintaku - April 15, 2017 at 08:39 AM



“ *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

Larry Regan - April 15, 2017 at 06:54 AM

KM

“ I have beautiful memories of Aunt Shirley growing up and spending holidays with my cousins. Aunt Shirley had a fun spirit and warm smile. A gentle soul. I know she is at peace with no more pain in heaven. Forever in our hearts ❤️

kathy majeski - April 05, 2017 at 07:59 PM

AG

“ I will never forget the close relationship Shirley had with her daughter Sharon, one of my oldest friends from childhood. These two ladies laughed and enjoyed each other's company in a way I've rarely seen. It was a joy to witness. Though Sharon lives in Maryland -- quite a distance from her mom -- they got together frequently and Sharon was a devoted daughter until the end. I have to say, Sharon always looked forward to those trips and never failed to return home with funny stories of their time together. They could have fun anywhere and always did!

ann gault - April 03, 2017 at 03:11 PM



“ I only knew Shirley for a short time and I know it wasn't the Shirley you all knew but I truly loved her. I'm so sorry for your loss. I know you'll miss your mom. With His Love, Connie Rampey Garrett



Connie Garrett - April 03, 2017 at 10:49 AM

BW

“ Sweet Shirley you are finally out of pain and are at rest. I will always remember your sweet smile and your kindness with me. You treated me like your daughter every time I saw you and without having my mom - you were a beautiful replacement. Love and miss you, RIP
Bobbie

Bobbie Wrightson - April 02, 2017 at 04:02 PM

HD

“ Shirley RIP. I will always remember how much you loved dancing. Getting Doug to dance. You had a sparkle in your step and such a warm gracious heart ❤️. Hugs to the family

Harold and Debbie - April 02, 2017 at 02:38 PM

PB

“ Debbie,
I remember meeting you Mom back in our high school days and a few times after school.
My thoughts are with you, Diane, Sharon, Frank and the rest of the family. In her memory, George and I have sent a donation to the Oklahoma Alzheimer's Association.
A hug to you.
Pat Bailey

Pat Bailey - April 02, 2017 at 01:50 PM

DC

“ There are no words to help ease your pain, but maybe a memory I have can put a smile or recall a memory you have forgotten Deb. I remember when your mom was teaching you how to drive. I remember we were on 270 and you didn't break fast enough and your mom said DEBBIE when you see break lights start to break bc you never know what that car sees. To this day I do that. You and your family are in my thoughts. She was a wonderful lady and I'm so glad I had the pleasure of knowing her. ❤️🙏 To you all.

Darlene Campbell - April 02, 2017 at 01:31 PM

FS

“ Too memories to post. Mom I love you and will miss you terribly. Knowing you are whole again, in no pain and can fly as high as you like. Enjoy heaven and know we are all ok and can't wait to see you again. God Bless You Shirley. (Frank Gibbs)

Frank Gibbs (son) - April 02, 2017 at 01:29 PM

DC

“ Darlene Campbell lit a candle in memory of Shirley M Ward



Darlene Campbell - April 02, 2017 at 01:18 PM



“ To my sweet beautiful mom, my best friend in the world. Your undying and unconditional love will be in my heart forever. It was such a blessing to call you my mom. May you feel my love and pride forever and ever. I miss you so much already, but I know you are with me every moment. It comforts me. You are my angel.

Sharon Lewis - April 02, 2017 at 12:58 PM



<3 you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Aimee Ross Younger - April 02, 2017 at 01:16 PM



*Dear Sharon, Debbie, Frank and Diane,
I am truly so sorry for the loss of your loving Mother, and dearest friend.
When I first met your Mom, I was a young bride new to the family.
Shirley became more than a "sister-in-law..." We shared a bond of
friendship and love raising our kids together and building special family
memories..... All the Birthday, Christmas, and Thanksgiving
Celebrations....constant visits with the Brennans and trips to Ocean
City and eating all those crabs at Phillips Crab House!
Your Mom taught me so much.....a favorite memory was her instruction
on how to prepare and cook an entire Smithfield Ham!! A Family
favorite!!! But more than this was her warmth and loving giving of
herselfher cheerful spirit and love....not only to me through the
years, but to all my family.
Forever in our Hearts....*

*Love,
Aunt Susan*

Susan Gibbs - April 04, 2017 at 09:45 PM