



Shirley J. Dunham

May 3, 1939 - January 2, 2022

Shirley J. Dunham, age 82 of Kankakee, passed away Sunday, January 2, 2022 at Amita St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee. She was born May 3, 1939 to LeRoy and Lillie (Frisby) Thorne in Peoria. Shirley married Rodney Dunham in 1958 in Peoria. He preceded her in death in 2012.

Shirley was a registered nurse at Riverside Medical Center and St. Mary's Hospital for twenty-two years retiring in 1999. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, knitting and working with stained glass.

Shirley was of the Christian faith.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne (Julie) of St. Anne, Donald (Melanie) of Cabery, Derek (Michelle) of Chesapeake, Virginia; one daughter and son-in-law, Kathy (Ronnie) Coranado of Orlando, FL; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Linda Turner, Carol (Terry) Turner all of Peoria, Joanne (Doug) Walraven of California; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Bill (Nancy) Thorne of Dallas, TX, Don (Jean) Thorne of Phoenix, Robert Thorne of Atlanta, IL; nine grandchildren, Jeremy, Erin, Ashley, Kodee, Kyla, Kamdon, Gabie, Aiden, and Rosmond; nine great-grandchildren, Brady, Miles, Vinnie, Kennidy, Tyler, Bryce, Brody, Brianna, and Blake; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her husband, Rodney; Shirley is preceded in death by her parents; and one grandson, Bret.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Private burial will take place at Pilot Cemetery at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Herscher Pilot Cemetery

Herscher, IL 60941

Tribute Wall



“ Shirley J. Dunham

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM

BC

“ I enjoyed visiting with Shirley while we worked on a community project

Bruce Cowhig - January 06, 2022 at 09:09 PM

CM

“ She was such a beautiful women, an her smile was contagious, spent a lot of time at their house as a kid! RIP Shirley an fly high



cathy marcotte - January 05, 2022 at 07:42 AM

WD

Mom welcomed all of our friends into the house. And there were a lot of kids played inside that big old house and in the yard.

Wayne Dunham - January 05, 2022 at 10:11 AM

RC

“ Rhonda Couch lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Dunham



Rhonda Couch - January 04, 2022 at 07:56 PM

JD

“ Julie Dunham lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Dunham



Julie Dunham - January 04, 2022 at 04:48 PM

JD

My mother in law was a gem. I'm so grateful I was able to help care for her for many weeks prior to her "Seeing Jesus" as she kept calling out numerous times during the day. I'm thankful she's out off pain and with her loved ones and Jesus. Until we meet again, I love you dearly! Thankful for our cries and many hugs. I am love you too the moon and back as Blake would say. You are missed already!!

Julie Dunham - January 04, 2022 at 04:52 PM

SJ

“ Shirley was a lovely lady! We used to talk on Facebook, then in Walmart pharmacy area, back to Facebook. We both loved music and shared many Christian Gospel Songs together. My heart goes out to Wayne, Kathy, Donald and Derek, spouses, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her brothers and sisters etc. May she rest in eternal peace. God speed Shirley, love you!



Sue

Sue Jensen - January 04, 2022 at 04:27 PM

KC

My mom never passed up an opportunity to socialize especially if she saw you at Walmart.. She had a warm smile and kind heart.

Kathy Coronado - January 09, 2022 at 05:14 PM

HG

“ To all the Dunham family. I am so sorry for your loss. Momma "mogene parish" and our family spent many times with your family on the winnebago and campgrounds. I wish we could go back to that time where we were all happy and our parents and grandparents were with us. Shirley can go rest high on the mountain. If there is anything the family needs please reach out to us.

Helena gramlich-roberts - January 03, 2022 at 07:57 PM