



Shirley Toler

January 23, 1930 - August 11, 2017

Shirley A. Toler, 87, of Kankakee passed away on Friday, August 11, 2017 in Bourbonnais. She was born on January 23, 1930 in Momence, the daughter of Alfred and Viola (Sharkey) Hemm. Shirley married Eugene Toler on June 10, 1978. He preceded her in death in 2013.

Shirley worked for Shapiro Developmental Center and Manteno Veterans Home. She enjoyed gardening, reading, writing poetry, cooking and listening to the blues. Shirley enjoyed spending time with her Chihuahua, Tuffy.

She is survived by three sons Roger Courtney of TX, Mike (Madonna) Anstrom of Bethany, IL and Willie (Francine) Toler of Kankakee; five daughters Cherie Mbugua of Baltimore, MD, Denise (Stephen) Goodge of Rockford, Cathy Whalum of Kankakee, Gina (David) Fisher of Bourbonnais and Mary (Christopher) Moore of Kankakee; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and her beloved Chihuahua, Tuffy.

Along with her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter Suzanne Anstrom, one son John Anstrom and one grandson William Toler.

Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 11am, with visitation starting one hour prior, at Church of God Worship Center, 420

Cardinal Dr., Bourbonnais, IL 60914. Burial will follow at Mound Grove Cemetery in Kankakee. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. Please sign her guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens of Memory

1000 N Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of God Worship Center
420 Cardinal Drive
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-9214

Funeral Service

AUG 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Shirley Toler

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ To Denise and Steve and all of Shirley's family
Thinking of you with sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with
you
Mary and Tom Maass

Mary and Tom Maass - August 18, 2017 at 05:30 AM



“ Dear Denise (and family),
We join you in your sorrow at the loss of your loving mom, I knew
her by proxy, that is to say of her loving ways with your children and
grandchildren. We also join you in your HOPE of eternal life in
Christ-Jesus and in the truth that this separation, though difficult, is
but temporary.
Gary and Janet

Gary - August 16, 2017 at 12:57 AM



“ Ruth Willis lit a candle in memory of Shirley
Toler



Ruth Willis - August 16, 2017 at 12:56 AM

RW

Will always remember your kindness whenever I came to visit....R.I.P.

Ruth Willis - August 16, 2017 at 12:59 AM

EB

“ *Elaine Bey lit a candle in memory of Shirley Toler*



Elaine Bey - August 15, 2017 at 02:29 PM

HM

“ *Love and thoughts are with you all at this very sad time. I enjoyed my many visits and a cup of Folgers in Mom Toler's kitchen. May your memories be a comfort to you in the days ahead. Hazel*



Hazel Malone - August 15, 2017 at 02:25 PM

JW

“ *Jason Whalum lit a candle in memory of Shirley Toler*



Jason Whalum - August 15, 2017 at 01:19 PM

BH

“ *Barnetta Harris lit a candle in memory of Shirley Toler*



Barnetta Harris - August 14, 2017 at 10:41 PM

MH

“ *Aunt Shirley, I will never ever forget you. I have so many memories of you from Chantilly Perfume every Christmas to you and mom sending each other Birthday Cards teasing each other as to how old you two were getting and the countless mornings you and Uncle Gene would babysit me while mom worked and take me to the YMCA for swim lessons when mom couldn't. Or how about your famous French Toast. You knew I loved Snoopy and French Toast when I was a kid so you bought me a Snoopy Mug with a French Toast theme. I could go on and on but just know that you will be greatly missed. I loved you and Uncle Gene. You were both truly good souls and I pray yours as well as my Uncle Gene's are together again at perfect peace with our Father.*



Mona Harper - August 14, 2017 at 05:41 PM



“ *Renee Wills lit a candle in memory of Shirley Toler*



Renee Wills - August 14, 2017 at 05:36 PM



“ Aunt Shirley I will never forget you. For one reason your we're not only my Mom's (Mercedes Coleman) Sister In-law You where her Best friend. Who has also Passed on in the yr of 88. And you where one of the coolest Aunt's I know. And the Best cook ever. She would always make my favorite back in the day. Tacos. Taco Bell had Nothing on Aunt Shirley's home made tacos. And last but not less. She let me come stay with her and her family against her better judgement. And all odds was against her like my Mom and Dad .She let me stay anyway.When I turned 18. I will never forget that and if I never said it enough. Thank You and I will always Love You and will miss you so much.

Marsha Coleman - August 14, 2017 at 04:38 PM



“ Carolyn Rice lit a candle in memory of Shirley Toler



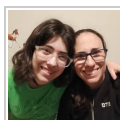
Carolyn Rice - August 14, 2017 at 02:05 PM



“ I work with Shirley at the Veteran Home. We became close friends. She taught me so much. Shirley I will always treasure our friendship . RIP my friend



Cheryl Wilson - August 14, 2017 at 08:57 AM



I am so sorry for your loss. She was greatly loved ando will be greatly missed. Love and prayers. Jody Goodge Lutes

Jody Lutes - August 15, 2017 at 04:47 PM