



Shirley J. Elkins

August 31, 1949 - December 18, 2018

Shirley J. Elkins, age 69 years, a resident of Buncombe, passed away Tuesday morning, December 18, 2018, at 3:45 AM at her home.

Shirley was born August 31, 1949 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. She was the daughter of Raymond and Elizabeth (Haire) Manus.

On June 7, 1970, Shirley was united in marriage to Jim Elkins in Buncombe. He preceded her in death on March 21, 2000.

Survivors include: her daughters – Krystal (Terry) Pierce of Metropolis and Rachel (Paul) McBride of Vienna; 5 grandchildren – Payton, Nathan, Macy, Briley, and Hadley; a sister-in-law – Patti (Gale) Evans of Mt. Vernon and a niece – Tiffany (Jeremy) Myers of Searcy, Arkansas.

In addition to her parents and husband, Shirley was preceded in death by: a son – Brad Elkins; a daughter – Tracy Elkins; and her father-in-law and mother-in-law – Halbert and Helen Elkins.

Shirley was a 1967 graduate of the Anna-Jonesboro High School. She received a Bachelors Degree in Mathematics from Southern Illinois University.

Shirley was employed by the Regional Office of Education. She was an

instructor in the Adult Education/G.E.D. program as well as the Youth Alternative Education program.

Shirley was a beautiful artist and loved to paint and draw. She designed and collected one-of-a-kind custom dolls. Shirley also loved flowers and enjoyed spending time in her garden. She enjoyed quilting and was a loving grandmother.

A graveside service will be conducted Thursday morning, December 20, 2018, at 11 AM at Mt. Zion Cemetery near Buncombe. Those attending the service are asked to gather at the cemetery at 10:45 AM Thursday.

In accordance with Shirley's wishes, there will be no visitation.

Memorials may be made to the SIH Cancer Institute and may be left in care of Bailey Funeral Home, P.O. Box 695, Vienna, Illinois 62995.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion Cemetery

Buncombe, IL

Tribute Wall



“ Shirley J. Elkins

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ Shirley was always a very kind, considerate person. I am sure she was an excellent teacher, and her compassion for others was very evident. The world was a better place because of Shirley.

Wayne Dunn - December 20, 2018 at 08:39 PM



“ We went all through grade school, high school, and never seen Shirley without a smile and a kind greeting, what a beautiful person, I always thought a lot of Shirley, go rest in piece now, you've earned it. So very sorry for the family's loss. Mike and Dorain Lingle.

Mike and Dorain Lingle - December 20, 2018 at 07:03 AM



“ Our hearts and prayers surround you during this time of celebrating Shirley's life and transition to Heaven. Shirley was a source of joy, intelligence and fun for those who knew her. We all benefited by knowing the Elkins' family and look back fondly on the memories. We send an extra hug to Terry and Krystal. Love, Justin & Jennifer in Colorado



JnJ Mount - December 19, 2018 at 08:58 PM

RO

“ Ryan & Sara O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Elkins



Ryan & Sara O'Neal - December 19, 2018 at 11:55 AM

JH

“ Shirley and I were best friends in high school and stayed in touch sporadically since then. So sorry for your loss. She loved her family so very much. The world was a brighter place with Shirley in it. I will miss her.

Jennifer Hester - December 19, 2018 at 11:51 AM

TA

“ Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Elkins



Teresa Anderson - December 19, 2018 at 10:23 AM

SW

“ I will never forget how wonderful she was to me and my daughter. She was a wonderful person, teacher and friend. She will be greatly missed!!!



Sarah Welch-Smith - December 19, 2018 at 10:04 AM

MP

“ Shirley was a kindhearted lady who will be missed greatly.



Matthew Prewitt - December 19, 2018 at 09:49 AM

JF

“ Prayers for comfort and peace for the family.



Jim & Ruth Flanagan - December 19, 2018 at 09:07 AM

KH

“ KathyBlack Holt lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Elkins



KathyBlack Holt - December 19, 2018 at 09:03 AM

DH

“ Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Elkins



Dennis and Pat Harner - December 19, 2018 at 08:54 AM

MN

“ Marion Nixon lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Elkins



Marion Nixon - December 19, 2018 at 12:08 AM

MN

This world has lost a very special lady that will be missed terribly. She was such a wonderful friend! She loved her family more than anything. My thoughts and prayer are with you all during this difficult time.

Marion Nixon - December 19, 2018 at 12:10 AM



“ Shirley, in a sense, taught me what love is. I remember when I was a child, I saw her and Jim kiss. It was foreign to me but I'll never forget how awesome it was to see a married couple that genuinely loved each other. She was always at every softball game growing up. She was the most prepared mom there. You could always count on her to have extra ponytail holders and fingernail clippers. Haha. She also wasn't afraid to get out there and hit us balls. I always admired her beautiful plants. She definitely had a green thumb! Fast forward... I think she was truly the love of my dad's life. She did so much for him on so many levels. Words can't express how grateful the Prater's are for having the privilege to have her in our lives. Prayers for Rachel and Krystal and Shirley's grandkids she loved very much. She always lit up when she spoke about you all.

Betsy Prater - December 18, 2018 at 08:59 PM

LK

“ *Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Elkins*



Linda Koehler - December 18, 2018 at 08:53 PM

LG

“ *Krystal and Rachel, so sorry for your loss. Shirley was a wonderful lady.*



Lora Goddard - December 18, 2018 at 07:59 PM

JB

“ *So sorry for your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers
Ted and Joy Beggs*



Joy Beggs - December 18, 2018 at 07:43 PM

DA

“ *Darcie lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Elkins*



Darcie - December 18, 2018 at 07:17 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Harris lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Elkins



Cheryl Harris - December 18, 2018 at 06:49 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley J. Elkins.



December 18, 2018 at 06:11 PM

SJ

“ Steve & Darla Jones lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Elkins



Steve & Darla Jones - December 18, 2018 at 06:09 PM

JR

“ James And Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Elkins



James and Diane Rainbolt - December 18, 2018 at 06:03 PM

AR

“ 3 files added to the album Haire family



Ann Blankenship Reynolds - December 18, 2018 at 05:56 PM

DP

“ Dave & Pat Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Elkins



Dave & Pat Prewitt - December 18, 2018 at 05:56 PM

DN

“ Krystal and Rachel, I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a kind person whom I will always fondly remember. Sending thoughts and prayers to you both.

Della Naese - December 18, 2018 at 05:00 PM

KV

“ My prayers are with your family.



kim vaughn - December 18, 2018 at 04:51 PM

AW

“ I am so sorry for your loss of such a wonderful mother and grandmother. Praying for you all!



Aleatha Wright - December 18, 2018 at 04:23 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss, Rachel!

Debra Horn - December 18, 2018 at 04:09 PM

MQ

“ Michelle Quertermous lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Elkins



Michelle Quertermous - December 18, 2018 at 03:21 PM

TS

“ She will definitely be missed. One of the strongest and sweetest ladies I've ever met. She loved her family so much and was so proud of her grandchildren. Condolences to Rachel and Krystal and the entire family. Hugs and prayers!



terri stewart - December 18, 2018 at 03:14 PM



“ Sean Whitnel lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Elkins



Sean Whitnel - December 18, 2018 at 02:34 PM



“ Elaine Rotan lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Elkins



Elaine Rotan - December 18, 2018 at 01:06 PM



“ Jeannie McCall sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley J. Elkins



Jeannie McCall - December 18, 2018 at 12:44 PM



“ Paula Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Elkins



Paula Sullivan - December 18, 2018 at 12:19 PM



So sorry Rachel. Your mama was wonderful person.

Paula Sullivan - December 18, 2018 at 12:22 PM

NB

“ *Nancy & Ray Breeden lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Elkins*



Nancy & Ray Breeden - December 18, 2018 at 12:18 PM



“ *Paula Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Elkins*



Paula Sullivan - December 18, 2018 at 12:17 PM

BW

“ *Bill And Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Elkins*



Bill and Barb Warmack - December 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM

SR

“ *Sheri Robinson lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Elkins*



Sheri Robinson - December 18, 2018 at 10:54 AM

RH

“ *Krystal and Rachel and families, I am so sorry for your loss. Her battle is over and she is with your loved ones. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Russ & Karla Hale - December 18, 2018 at 10:47 AM



“ *Valerie Lynne lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Elkins*



Valerie Lynne - December 18, 2018 at 10:30 AM