



Shirley Travis

January 27, 1933 - August 25, 2020

Shirley Ann (Mathis) Travis, age 87, a lifelong resident of the Crossroads community in southern Johnson County, passed away Tuesday evening, August 25, 2020, at 8:27 PM at the Metropolis Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Shirley was born January 27, 1933 in the Samoth Community in Massac County Illinois. She was the daughter of Everett E. and Lillie (Nelson) Mathis.

On July 3, 1951, Shirley was united in marriage to William “Bill” L. Oliver at the Vienna First Christian Church. To this union, two sons were born. William and Shirley were divorced in 1972. On August 15, 1974, Shirley was united in marriage to Robert “Bob” Travis at the Benton Community Church. Together, they shared over 46 years of marriage.

In addition to her husband, Shirley is survived by: her sons – David (Beverly) Oliver of Grantsburg and Tim (Laura) Oliver of Vienna; seven step-children – Bobbie (Debra) Travis of Belknap, David (Marcy) Travis of Belknap, Patty (Alan) Reeves of DuQuoin, Richard (Brenda) Travis of Austin, Texas, Perry (Carole) Travis of Metropolis, Jim (Jimmilynn) Travis of Metropolis, John (Kandy) Travis of Belknap; 5 grandchildren – Selina (Chris) Brownfield of Puyallup, Washington, Sarah (Chad) Morris of Simpsonville, South Carolina, Melanie (Dillon Peebles) Oliver of Marion, Joey (Jennifer) Parenti of Marion,

and Amy Ballard of Vienna; 4 great grandchildren – Tyler Brownfield of San Clemente, California, Lillie Duffy of Simpsonville, South Carolina, Lauren Duffy of Simpsonville, South Carolina, and Owen Peebles of Marion; fourteen step-grandchildren; 15 step-great-grandchildren; and a special Saturday morning yard sale partner, Barb Konemann.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, a brother – John Mathis, and a nephew – Gary Mathis.

Shirley was employed by the Illinois Department of Corrections at the Vienna Correctional Center for over 25 years prior to her retirement in 1992. She held the position of Parole Field Office Director. Additionally, Shirley was a member of the V.C.C. Retirees Association.

Shirley enjoyed a lifelong hobby of collecting hundreds of banks and over one thousand thimbles. Shirley had also been a blood donor for many years and had achieved her 20 gallon pin.

A graveside service for family and friends honoring the life of Shirley Mathis Travis will be conducted Saturday afternoon, August 29, 2020, at 2 PM at the New Hope Cemetery, 6804 New Columbia Road, Belknap, Illinois. Pastor Frank Forthman will officiate.

There will be no public visitation. Those attending the service are asked to gather at the cemetery at 1:45 PM Saturday.

It is requested that those attending the service observe customarily accepted social distancing practices. The wearing of a face mask or covering is recommended. A supply of face masks will be available for those not bringing one with them.

Donations in memory of Shirley are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association, 805 West DeYoung Street, Suite B, Marion, Illinois 62959. Memorial envelopes will be available at the cemetery.

Cemetery Details

New Hope Cemetery

6804 New Columbia Road
Belknap, IL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

New Hope Cemetery
6804 New Columbia Road
Belknap, IL

Tribute Wall



“ Shirley Travis

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ I knew Shirley when I was young. We would stop & talk if we met. She always had a pretty smile. I'm sorry for your loss.



Sondra Goins - September 01, 2020 at 11:51 PM



“ Our condolences to the family of Shirley. I had the honor of working with Shirley at the Vienna Correctional Center and always admired her dedication and professional attitude. Never a complainer she kept on task with a smile on her face. Thank you Shirley for all those salted peanuts in the shell.

Larry W. Mizell - August 29, 2020 at 12:50 PM



“ Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay lit a candle in memory of Shirley Travis



Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay - August 28, 2020 at 09:35 PM

RR

“ *Such a special lady. My sympathy sent to Bob and family.* ”



Rosemary McCuan Rouse - August 28, 2020 at 07:42 PM

MP

“ *Myra Powell lit a candle in memory of Shirley Travis* ”



Myra Powell - August 28, 2020 at 03:35 PM

JS

“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley Travis* ”



John Slack - August 28, 2020 at 11:33 AM

DR

“ *Debbie And Bill Rigsby lit a candle in memory of Shirley Travis* ”



Debbie and Bill Rigsby - August 27, 2020 at 12:46 PM

LM

“ *Linda And Jeff Mathis lit a candle in memory of Shirley Travis*



Linda and Jeff Mathis - August 27, 2020 at 12:05 PM

HB

“ *Henry & Frances Bullock lit a candle in memory of Shirley Travis*



Henry & Frances Bullock - August 27, 2020 at 11:09 AM

DB

“ *Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of Shirley Travis*



Dorothy Bacon - August 27, 2020 at 10:53 AM

TR

“ *Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Shirley Travis*



Teresa Richerson - August 27, 2020 at 10:29 AM

GY

“ George And Vicky Yates lit a candle in memory of Shirley Travis



George and Vicky yates - August 27, 2020 at 09:33 AM

EH

“ Ernie Henshaw lit a candle in memory of Shirley Travis



Ernie Henshaw - August 26, 2020 at 10:37 PM

SR

“ SHERI ROBINSON lit a candle in memory of Shirley Travis



SHERI ROBINSON - August 26, 2020 at 07:43 PM

DP

“ Davis And Pat Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Shirley Travis



Davis and Pat Prewitt - August 26, 2020 at 07:08 PM

KB

“ *Kristi Burnett lit a candle in memory of Shirley Travis*



Kristi Burnett - August 26, 2020 at 06:15 PM

BF

“ *Brandi & Doug Fisher lit a candle in memory of Shirley Travis*



Brandi & Doug Fisher - August 26, 2020 at 06:01 PM

FB

“ *Faye Bowman lit a candle in memory of Shirley Travis*



Faye Bowman - August 26, 2020 at 05:55 PM

SJ

“ *Steve & Darla Jones lit a candle in memory of Shirley Travis*



Steve & Darla Jones - August 26, 2020 at 04:42 PM

BT

“ *Becky Turley lit a candle in memory of Shirley Travis*



Becky Turley - August 26, 2020 at 04:29 PM

KK

“ *One of the sweetest ladies I've ever met. Prayers and condolences for the family. I remember loving to visit with her and going to her house every Halloween when I was little.*



Kim Karns - August 26, 2020 at 04:16 PM

LP

“ *Linda Parsons lit a candle in memory of Shirley Travis*



Linda Parsons - August 26, 2020 at 04:16 PM

LP

“ *Aunt Shirley was a beautiful person. Loved her smile.*

Linda Parsons - August 26, 2020 at 04:15 PM



“ Mike Crews lit a candle in memory of Shirley Travis



Mike Crews - August 26, 2020 at 03:34 PM



“ Shirley was always a sweet sweet person to talk to. The last time I visited with her was at the Big Johns in Metropolis. We talked about the good ole days when we all met at my grandparents house for birthdays, etc. God's Blessings on the family.



Karen Brumley - August 26, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ Always loved her smile and love of. Such a beautiful woman . Remember staying all night on vacation in little cabin type home. Sending Love and sympathy to family. 🥹🥹🙏

Gloria Bydalek - August 26, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ Gloria Bydalek lit a candle in memory of Shirley Travis



Gloria Bydalek - August 26, 2020 at 01:23 PM

JO

*Shirley was a fun lady to be around. Always with a smile on her face!
God has gotten an Angel!!*

Julie Owens - August 27, 2020 at 04:15 PM