



Shirley Jean Wares

May 12, 1933 - February 16, 2015

Traverse City - Shirley Jean Wares, 81, of Traverse City passed away February 16, 2015 at Munson Medical Center.

Shirley was born on May 12, 1933 in Tecumseh to the late John "Jack" and Anabel (Hall) Finnegan.

As a young girl Shirley excelled in school and won many spelling bee's. After graduating from high school she began her successful career with Avon. She retired after 20+ years with the company. Shirley then became a realtor.

In her spare time she enjoyed being outdoors. She loved to fish, garden, mushroom, and teach her grandkids how to swim. Holidays were very important to her, and she loved to have the whole family together. Shirley was quite the prankster and got a kick out of April Fools Day every year. She also liked to travel and get all dolled up. Above all else, Shirley cherished the time she spent with her family.

Shirley is survived by her son Jerome (Lori) Manwaring, daughter Susan (Russ) McLean, son Timothy (Connie) Manwaring, daughter-in-law Dena Curry; grandchildren Tanya Manwaring, Delphos Kollhoff, Esther Kluck, and Krista Manwaring, Blake and Clay Manwaring; brother Roger Finnegan and sister Christine Bucy; lifelong friends Antoinette Staal and Margaret Walton, and devoted care giver Karen Fall who had become a good friend and companion over the last ten years.

Shirley was preceded in death by her son Sanderson Manwaring, first husband Clair Manwaring, second husband Theron "Moose" Wares and long time companion Pat Morey; and sisters Patricia Bacon, Carol Simpson and Jacqueline Pappalardo.

A memorial service celebrating Shirley's life will be held on Friday, February 20, 2015 at 11 am at the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home. Visitation will begin one hour prior.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Cherryland Humane Society or to the Grand Traverse County Commission on Aging. The family would like to extend their appreciation to the commission for the wonderful care and support they provided to Shirley over the last ten years.

Events

FEB	Memorial Service	11:00AM
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	Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home	
	305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684	

Comments



“ The Wares-McCormick family was deeply saddened to hear months later that our precious, dearly beloved sister-in-law, Aunt and dear friend had passed. Shirley had come into our lives thru Avon while I was only 17. Eventually, I became Shirley's asst manager and we had many fabulous, fun times together. In the meantime, she married my Uncle "Moose" Wares and my parents, Earl and Dorothy Wares did many fun things together with them also. Never had I seen her or my Uncle so happy. Shirley could tell the best jokes, make anyone laugh and laugh we did, until we cried! After my dad and his brother, Moose died, my mother and I would visit Shirley and she never lost her sense of humor and that adorable giggle, even after her stroke. We will always remember her with fondness. Lori Wares Wagner. Dorothy Wares.

Lori Wagner - December 04, 2016 at 07:00 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Aunt Shirley's passing. She was always kind to me. Sorry we hadn't seen her for many years. Hope that Susan, Jerry, Tim and the rest of the family know that she will be well cared for in her eternal home. All love and best from Guy & Peggy Manwaring

Guy Manwaring - February 20, 2015 at 07:13 AM



“ 56 years ago I met Shirley, my next door neighbor in Suttons Bay. Both our husbands were poor, poor, poor (\$) school teachers. We became dear friends over the years. I think of her many talents: as a seamstress, an awesome cook, a great prankster. She could really "cut a rug" dancing the Charleston. Her Irish temper & sense of humor was special. Shirley was a graceful lady and precious friend. She will be greatly missed & thought of often. With love, Margaret Walton

m walton - February 19, 2015 at 09:09 PM



“ I recall Shirley's amazing sense of humor, fabulous baked goods and terrific talents in sales. She was a devoted Mom & loyal friend. What a beautiful lady. Peace be with you Susie & boys. Your Mom was a gift to all who were blessed to know her.
Love, Lisa Wyatt

Dr Lisa Wyatt - February 19, 2015 at 08:58 PM



“ Karen Fall lit a candle in memory of Shirley Jean Wares



Karen Fall - February 18, 2015 at 07:42 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Shirley



Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services - February 18, 2015 at 07:38 AM