



## Ethel May Shorts

December 24, 1929 - December 4, 2017

Ethel May Shorts of Church Hill, MD, died on December 4, 2017, at Compass Regional Hospice in Centreville, MD. She was 87.

Born in Sudlersville, MD, on December 24, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Nathaniel Leager and Ethel Holden Leager. She married Samuel Emory Shorts and dedicated most of her life to working with her husband in farming and raising their six children. She also worked as a waitress and, after the children were grown, worked at Black & Decker until retiring in 2002.

She is survived by her children, Karen Fila (and husband Bruce) of Davie, FL, Donald Shorts of Church Hill, Steve Shorts of Church Hill, Elaine Dell (and husband Roland) of Stevensville, MD, and Kevin Shorts (and wife Tammy) of Centreville; her sisters; Elizabeth Hay of Sudlersville, MD, Doris Schelts of Millington, MD, Betty Ervin of Chestertown, MD, Julia Marshall of Leipsic, DE, and Helen Whaley of Betterton, MD; and grandchildren, Sam, Erin, Megan, Donnie, and Lucretia Lyn Shorts. She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel Emory Shorts in 1995; her son, Warren Shorts in 1998; and her siblings, Mary Glanding, Paul Leager, Earl Leager, Brice Leager, Charles Leager, Annie Leager and Cliff Leroy Leager.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, December 8 at 12 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 408 S. Liberty Street, Centreville,

MD 21617, where friends and family may visit beginning at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Sharon Hills Memorial Park, 2928 Sharon Hill Road, Dover, DE 19904.

Memorial contributions may be made to Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Dr., Centreville, MD 21617 or [www.compassregionalhospice.org](http://www.compassregionalhospice.org).; or to the Holden Chapel, mailed in c/o Pastor Steve Jackson 3256 Hazletville Rd, Dover, DE 19904.

# Cemetery Details

## Sharon Hills Cemetery

Dover, DE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location  
408 South Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617  
(410) 758-1151  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Service

DEC 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ethel May Shorts*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Ethel May Shorts*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Ethel May Shorts*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I have known Mrs. Shorts since I cannot remember. I loved the time spent at the farm and being taught to ride horses, collect eggs and so much more. She was my mom away from home when I was there. Which was usually almost every weekend. You will be greatly missed by all you have touched in your wonderful lifetime. Love you always*

*Judy Grasso*

**Judy Dadds Grasso** - December 08, 2017 at 09:20 AM



*Judy,  
Thanks for the kind words and memories. We also appreciate you being there with us at the services and reception.*

**Kevin Shorts** - December 09, 2017 at 11:29 AM

CB

“ Kevin,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your whole family in your time of loss.*

*Sincerely,  
Friends from the Office*

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**Colleen Brooks** - December 08, 2017 at 09:19 AM

KS

*Colleen,  
On behalf of the entire family, thank you veru much.*

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**Kevin Shorts** - December 09, 2017 at 11:36 AM

RD

“ *A wonderful mother and loyal friend who we will surely miss, thank you all for your memories and prayers for the family.*

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**Roland Dell** - December 08, 2017 at 07:11 AM

GP

“ *Gene & Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Ethel May Shorts*



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**Gene & Lynda Palmatary** - December 06, 2017 at 08:50 AM

CM

“ *Aunt May will surely be missed by her family and friends. Prayer to our Lord, Jesus Christ for comfort and peace to the Shorts' Family & Friends.*

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**Cheryl McCrea** - December 05, 2017 at 04:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ethel May Shorts.* ”



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December 05, 2017 at 01:30 PM