



Shirley Baldwin

August 2, 1923 - August 6, 2010

Shirley Lesko Baldwin of Chestertown, MD died Friday, August 6, 2010 at the Chester River Hospital Center in Chestertown, MD. She was 87.

Mrs. Baldwin was born August 2, 1923 in Nesquehoning, PA, the daughter of the late, Samuel and Anna Lesko. Mrs. Baldwin was a 1941 graduate of Nesquehoning High School. After graduating she worked as a Machinist for the Eastern Aircraft Division of General Motors in Trenton, NJ building the Avenger Torpedo Bomber Warplane until 1944. She continued serving her country during WWII by enlisting in the U.S. Navy. After an honorable discharge in 1946 she attended and graduated from West Chester University with a Bachelors degree. She began her teaching career in Pennsylvania and went on to teach in Delaware and then Kent County Maryland for over 30 years. On April 12, 1952 she married Hugh Baldwin in West Chester, PA and the two began their life together. Mrs. Baldwin was the first female commander of American Legion Post 36; she served on the Board of Directors for Upper Shore Aging and the Board of Directors of Magnolia Hall. Shirley was a recipient of the "Maryland's Most Beautiful People" volunteer award, and inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.

She was a member of the Maryland State Teachers Association, First United Methodist Church in Chestertown, the Beta Sigma Phi, the Chester River Chorale, the Kent County Community Marching Band, the Massey

Homemakers, Deborah's Angels, the Old Kent Quilters Guild, the Kent County Questers and was a volunteer for the American Red Cross for over 65 years. She loved quilting, sewing, traveling, flower gardening and being with her friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Deborah Walls, one brother, Samuel Lesko, and one sister, Anna Thomas.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Hugh H. Baldwin of Chestertown, MD; two sons, Hugh H. Baldwin Jr. of Chestertown, MD, Robert S. Baldwin and his wife, Ann P. Baldwin of Worton, MD; one brother, John P. Lesko of Orefield, PA; two grandchildren, Robert S. (RJ) Baldwin Jr. and Brett J. Baldwin both, of Worton, MD, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held Thursday, August 12, 2010 from 6-8pm at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam funeral home 130 Speer Rd Chestertown, MD. Services will be held Friday, August 13, 2010 at 10 am at First United Methodist Church in Chestertown.

Interment will follow at St. Paul's Cemetery in Chestertown, MD.

Contributions can be sent to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 227, Chestertown, MD 21620 or the Humane Society of Kent Co. MD, 10720 Augustine Herman Hwy., Chestertown, MD 21620.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Baldwin*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Shirley Baldwin*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Shirley Baldwin*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Shirley Baldwin*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Robert, Ann, R.J. and Brett,*

So sorry to hear of your loss. She was an amazing person. We are thinking of you all.##imported-begin##The Pavon Family##imported-end##

August 16, 2010 at 10:43 AM



“ To the Baldwin family we are so sorry for your loss, God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Leslie & Glenn Owens##imported-end##

August 13, 2010 at 03:54 PM



“ Robert, Ann and family: We are so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Our many thoughts and prayers are with you all now and in the days to come. JoAnn and Royden Powell##imported-begin##JoAnn Powell##imported-end##

August 11, 2010 at 09:39 AM



“ We will miss Shirley and her encouragement to keep Deborah's Angels going. She was truly an Angel, and we will continue her good work. Condolences to her family and friends. Deborah's Angels Baby Quilt Group of Olde Kent Quilt Guild, Chestertown Md##imported-begin##NANCY C CALDWELL##imported-end##

August 10, 2010 at 04:56 PM



“ So very sorry to hear of Shirley's passing. She was a wonderful person and will be missed. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Kathi Haacke Morehead##imported-end##

August 10, 2010 at 06:44 AM



“ Please accept my sincere sympathy on the passing of Mrs. Baldwin. Although I haven't lived in Chestertown for nearly 38 years and have not seen her in that time, I was extremely fortunate to have been her student. She was an outstanding teacher and a very kind and compassionate person. I have always remembered the time she spent with me, her interest in my progress as her student, and her kindness. I believe she lived her life showing such kindness and compassion to others. May she rest in peace.##imported-begin##Gail P. Otis##imported-end##

August 10, 2010 at 06:08 AM



“ To all of the Baldwin family Ms. Shirley was a very wonderful person. She taught me in 3rd grade made a big difference in my life and all had a kind word for my parents. She is at peace now remember all the good times that you had together Marie##imported-begin##Marie Spray##imported-end##

August 09, 2010 at 09:22 PM



“ Miss Shirley,
You will be missed by family and friends...May you and Deborah smile down and watch over those you have left behind and may your family find comfort that you are with your daughter in heaven and no longer suffering...Love Paula and Randy Greer##imported-begin##Paula Greer##imported-end##

August 09, 2010 at 08:46 PM



“ To the Baldwin family, I am deeply sorry to hear of the passing of Miss Shirley. She was a dear friend to my parents and always kind to everyone. She will be missed greatly. May you all find comfort in the many happy memories and in God's grace.

Fondly,
Nancy###imported-begin###Nancy Hall Coleman###imported-end##

August 09, 2010 at 04:49 PM



“ DEar Robert and Ann

I'm sorry to hear about the passing of your Mom. My mother and I took ceramics from her many years ago. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

June###imported-begin###JuneClark###imported-end##

August 09, 2010 at 04:20 PM



“ Mr. Hugh, Robert, Ann, R.J. & Brett, may your wonderful memories of Ms. Shirley bring you peace. She will be missed.###imported-begin###Lee Ann, Jamie, Shawn & Stephen###imported-end##

August 08, 2010 at 09:04 PM