



Shirley Reed Blades

December 28, 1928 - October 31, 2023

Shirley Reed Blades, 94, of Easton, Maryland, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at Willowbrooke Court, Bayleigh Chase Retirement Center. She was born on December 28, 1928, at home, to the late William B.L. Reed and Anna Madge (Higgins) Reed. She attended school in Caroline County, graduating from Tri-County High School in Hillsboro, in 1945 as part of the last class at that school. She continued her education at Goldey Beacom in Wilmington, Delaware.

On March 26, 1948, Shirley married F. Harrison Blades and they lived for a short time in Denton, moving to Easton in 1949. Shirley worked at McCord's Laundry as a secretary until 1956. She and Harrison raised two daughters, Patricia and Nancy, and Shirley was a stay-at-home mother during those years. She returned to work in her later years as an assistant to J. McKenny Willis, until his death.

Shirley was active in her church, as a founding member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, her girls' school life, acting as room mother and in the PTA, and volunteered at St. Mark's Nursey School in its early years. She loved to play bridge, read, work jigsaw puzzles, and attend activities of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Harrison, in

1994. She is survived by her daughters, Patricia Blades Chapman (Carl) of Easton, and Nancy Blades Harrell (Brandon) of Henrico, Virginia; five grandchildren, Katherine Abernethy (Joe) of Longmont, Colorado, Sarah Chapman of Easton, Jennifer Harrell of Durham, North Carolina, Matthew Chapman (Michelle) of Easton, and Samuel Harrell of New York City; four great grandchildren, Abigail and Logan Chapman and Luke and Penny Abernethy. She is also survived by a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Barbara and M. Conway Dryden of Salisbury, sister-in-law, Connie Blades of Easton and several nieces and nephews and their families complete her survivors.

Services will be private.

Donations may be made to Talbot Hospice or St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Park

11365 Ocean Gateway
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall

CF

“ Shirley was the niece of Thomas Edward Reed, my grandfather. Shirley and I kept in touch over the years. Every Christmas we would write what was going on in our families to each other. This Christmas her card came back. I will always remember her smile and her letters in our cards. Condolences to her family. I will miss her. -Cheryl Reed Fruchtman

Cheryl Lynn Fruchtman - December 24, 2023 at 12:23 PM

CM

“ Many friends have mentioned Aunt Shirley's smile. I have enjoyed this week looking back at old pictures where her smile was captured! She even smiled throughout hosting the big Blades family on Thanksgiving Day year after year. Pictures and wonderful memories will help with missing her!

*With thoughts and prayers,
Chris Mosberg*

Chris Mosberg - November 07, 2023 at 08:41 AM

PH

“ Pat and Nancy,
Sending you thoughts and prayers on the loss of your Mom. Cherish the memories.
Pam Horsey



Pam Horsey - November 06, 2023 at 09:13 AM

PS

“ So very sorry for your loss.



Peggy L. Secrist - November 03, 2023 at 07:11 AM

JB

“ I am so sorry. She always had a great smile and sweet personality.
Love and prayers. 💕 June Billman

June Billman - November 02, 2023 at 07:22 PM

JS

So sorry for your loss. You all are in my prayers. Jackie Harrison Sinclair.

Jackie Harrison Sinclair - November 03, 2023 at 10:24 PM

DU

“ Dear Pat, Nancy and families,
I am so very sorry for your loss. I remember your mom always
having a smile on her face and a gentle laugh. I know you will all
miss her terribly. Knowing she is with your dad must give you some
comfort. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. ❤️❤️. Deb

debbie urry - November 02, 2023 at 04:10 PM

DW

“ Pat and Nancy, I am so sorry to her that Miss Shirley has passed.
Spent a lot of time in your den talking to your mom and dad and
cherished that time. Our prayers go out to your family.

David Whaley - November 02, 2023 at 03:15 PM

TS

“ Pat and Nancy so sorry for your loss. Claudia and I have fond memories of your mom. May she rest in peace with your dad. Your families are in our thoughts and prayers.



Terry Stacey - November 02, 2023 at 01:34 PM

TL

“ Condolences to the family. May wonderful memories sustain you now and in the future.
John & Trudy Leager



Trudy Leager - November 02, 2023 at 12:25 PM

LE

“ Linda Swann Elben-Adams lit a candle in memory of Shirley Reed Blades



Linda Swann Elben-Adams - November 02, 2023 at 12:18 PM