



## Shirley Anne Cole

June 27, 1936 - January 21, 2023

Shirley Anne Cluff Cole of Easton, MD, died at Talbot Hospice on January 21, 2023, at the age of 86.

Born in Somerset County, MD, on June 27, 1936, she was the daughter of the late Robert Samuel Cluff and Frances Etoile (Watkins) Cluff.

She graduated from Marion High School, Marion Station, MD, in 1954, and also from Macqueen Gibbs Willis School of Nursing in Easton in 1957. On August 29, 1958, she married Francis "Smiley" Clifton Cole, Sr., and they made their home in Talbot County. Francis died in December 2005.

She is survived by one son, Ronald Wayne Cole, and his wife Kimberly (Black) Cole, of Bear, DE; two stepchildren, Sharon Cole Castellano of Palm Coast, FL, and Francis Clifton Cole, Jr., of Easton, MD; a granddaughter, Madeline Zixin Cole; four stepgrandchildren, Chad and Kelly Castellano, and Dalton and Zane Castellano; one sister, Margaret Dell (Cluff) Byrd and her husband Marshall; two nieces, Michelle Lynn Plummer and April Byrd Taylor; one nephew, William Byrd; one great-nephew, Christopher Plummer; a brother-in-law, Kenneth Plummer; and numerous cousins. A sister, Norma Frances (Cluff) Plummer is deceased.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, January 31, at 12:30 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Easton where friends may

call one hour prior to the service. Interment, with her husband, will follow at the Maryland Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery, Hurlock, Maryland. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in her honor to: Talbot Hospice, 586 Cynwood Ave, Easton, MD 21601; the Cancer Center at UM Shore Regional Health, 509 Idlewild Ave., Easton, MD 21601; or Talbot Humane Society, PO Box 1143, Easton, MD 21601.

# Cemetery Details

## Hurlock Maryland VA Cemetery

6828 East New Market  
Hurlock, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home  
200 S. Harrison Street  
EASTON  
EASTON, MD 21601

## Funeral Service

JAN 31. 12:30 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home  
200 S. Harrison Street  
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## Graveside Service

JAN 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery  
Hurlock, MD



# Tribute Wall



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



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - January 30, 2023 at 09:12 AM



“ *Shirley Anne Cole*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Castellano purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Shirley Anne Cole.*



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**Castellano** - January 29, 2023 at 03:04 PM



“ *Shirley Anne Cole*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Shirley Anne Cole*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ 25 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 27, 2023 at 09:36 AM

DB

“ Rest easy Ms. Shirley,  
I have such great memories of you. All the years I worked at your restaurant and you taught me the ropes you took me under your wing. I had the pleasure to work with you for 15 years. Thank you for everything you did for me. You will be truly missed.



Denise Bosley - January 26, 2023 at 10:16 PM

DC

“ Debbie Correa lit a candle in memory of Shirley Anne Cole



Debbie Correa - January 26, 2023 at 10:59 AM

DC

*Ms. Shirley was a kind hearted soul that was literally a second mom to any waitress that ever worked at the Bridge Restaurant in Tilghman. She was the heart and soul of The Bridge Restaurant. I have and always will cherish the memories of working for her and Smiley for 18 years. May your sweet soul forevermore rest in peace with your husband Smiley.💕💕💕*

Debbie Correa - January 26, 2023 at 12:52 PM

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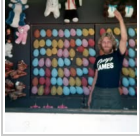
“*Shirley Cole had one of the most beautiful souls I ever met. Her soul, like Shirley, was wise, kind, honest, genuine, loving, and forgiving as well as down-to-earth, and practical. It was obvious to me that Shirley came from wholesome sturdy people. The kind that built America. The kind that believed in hard work, duty, trust, thrift, and honesty. I don't have a specific memory to share... just a collection of memories over the years from our visits where she was the perfect hostess. Always the last one to bed and the first one up just to make sure everything was flawless for our stay. And it always was. From day one she accepted and welcomed me without reservation. While it is accurate and proper, I have avoided the term stepmom when referring to Shirley because I never thought of her that way, but more as a wonderful bonus addition to my family. She and my Dad, made it possible for me to get to know my brothers, Ron and Clifton. My heart goes out to them as well as to my incredible Sister-in-law, Kim and beautiful niece Maddie. I love you guys.*

*I will always be grateful Shirley was a part of my life.*

*Her loving "Bonus Daughter",*

*Sharon*

Sharon Cole Castellano - January 25, 2023 at 04:00 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *On the farm*



**Clifton Cole** - January 25, 2023 at 03:20 PM

MH

“ *Mary Haddaway lit a candle in memory of Shirley Anne Cole*



**Mary Haddaway** - January 25, 2023 at 02:52 PM

MI

“ *Mike lit a candle in memory of Shirley Anne Cole*



**Mike** - January 25, 2023 at 04:24 AM

BL

“ *Biggy & Leslie lit a candle in memory of Shirley Anne Cole*



**Biggy & Leslie** - January 25, 2023 at 02:48 AM

BI

*May she rest in eternal peace.*

**Biggy** - January 25, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Tim & Laura Bishop lit a candle in memory of Shirley Anne Cole*



**Tim & Laura Bishop** - January 24, 2023 at 11:33 PM

SJ

“ *Sol James lit a candle in memory of Shirley Anne Cole*



**Sol James** - January 24, 2023 at 10:41 PM

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“ *RIP Ms Shirley*

**Connie Harris (Gottlieb)** - January 24, 2023 at 04:00 PM

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“ *Connie Harris (Gottlieb) lit a candle in memory of Shirley Anne Cole*



**Connie Harris (Gottlieb)** - January 24, 2023 at 03:59 PM