



Shirley Martha Gardner

November 10, 1937 - January 14, 2021

Shirley Martha Gardner of Centreville, MD, died on January 14, 2021. She was 83 years old.

Born on November 10, 1937, in Easton, MD, she was the daughter of Nathan Morris and Edith Mae Thomas Morris.

Shirley, known by most of the early Kent Islanders as "Miss Shirley," spent the years from the 70's through the 1990's babysitting local children in her Chester home that she shared with her loving husband of 48 years, Clarence "Buddy" Gardener.

Shirley loved playing and being part of the softball community. Most people at the park will remember her outspoken contempt of umpires and unwavering support of her children and grandchildren while they participated. She cheered with as much intensity as she played the sport, and Shirley "Iodine" Gardner was one of the first inductees into Maryland Modified Softball Hall of Fame.

She will always be known for her quirky ability to have fun and making people laugh. She will be remembered by all of her family for her unconditional love she gave to each one of them. Her strong and rugged appearance would give way to love and gentle nurturing when with her children and grandchildren.

Shirley is survived by her sons, Robert Gardner and William Gardner; daughters, Shirley Batchelor, Patricia Hatch; brother, Tommy Morris; sister, Gloria Jones; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. In addition to her loving husband, she is predeceased by her parents; her two brothers, Bobby Morris and Billy Morris; and sister, Casey Morris.

A service will be held at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Chester, MD, on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 12:00 PM with a visitation starting at 10AM to 12PM. Burial will follow in Stevensville Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Stevensville Cemetery

808 Main Street
Stevensville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619

Service

JAN 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619

Burial

JAN 19. 12:45 PM (ET)

Stevensville Cemetery
808 Main Street
Stevensville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcasting will start at 11:50 AM * You may have to refresh your browser before viewing in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 19, 2021 at 11:05 AM



“ *Shirley Martha Gardner*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Shirley Martha Gardner*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Shirley Martha Gardner*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

NH

“ Nancy Lee Hall lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner



Nancy Lee Hall - January 19, 2021 at 09:29 PM

NH

Remembering growing up town of Stevensville Miss Shirley was our neighbor. Bradley and I never liked to wear shoes in the spring and summer but we could not understand why Miss Shirley's feet never got cold during the winter. She always made us laugh the funny things she would say and do. God Bless Miss Shirley's family. Nancie LEWIS Hall

Nancy Lee Hall - January 19, 2021 at 09:33 PM

SC

“ Sean & Kim Connolly lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner



Sean & Kim Connolly - January 19, 2021 at 08:51 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Martha Gardner.



January 19, 2021 at 08:47 AM

TD

“ *The Murphy Family David, Donna,Deiree lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner*



The Murphy Family David, Donna,Deiree - January 19, 2021 at 08:11 AM

TD

“ *All of the family will be in our thoughts and prayers, Miss Shirley you will be sadly missed*

The Murphys David, Donna, Desiree - January 19, 2021 at 08:09 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley Martha Gardner.*



January 19, 2021 at 06:13 AM

TS

“ *Keeping all of you in our prayers as you go through this loss , Remembering all the good times we had as kids with Miss Shirley ❤️ She was / is one of a kind and may she be running around bare feet in heaven 🙏❤️*



Tammy Smith - January 19, 2021 at 05:59 AM

PE

“ *Sympathy to the Morris and Gardner family.*



Pam Edwards - January 18, 2021 at 06:38 PM

TG

“ *The Lee family, George, Rob, Ann, Kathy & Gary purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Shirley Martha Gardner.*



The Lee family, George, Rob, Ann, Kathy & Gary - January 18, 2021 at 02:19 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley Martha Gardner.*



January 18, 2021 at 09:01 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shirley Martha Gardner.*



January 18, 2021 at 07:36 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Shirley Martha Gardner.*



January 18, 2021 at 06:07 AM



“ *Gail Dadds lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner*



Gail Dadds - January 18, 2021 at 12:34 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Shirley Martha Gardner.*



January 18, 2021 at 12:28 AM

RD

“ I am truly sorry for your loss. I have had the great pleasure of personally knowing Buddy and Shirley since I worked on the Lowery farm during my teen years. Many an early morning I had coffee with Buddy and Shirley before Buddy and I would head to the barn to milk the cows. After leaving Kent Island for the service I would always stop in when on leave. I was always welcomed with open arms and we would relive some stories of the past. Shirley was always a beautiful person and she will be missed by me. She always gave me a big hug and a big kiss on the cheek anytime we saw each other at Tilghman's.



Roger

Roger d Dashiell - January 17, 2021 at 10:44 PM

BM

“ Bonny Morris lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner



Bonny Morris - January 17, 2021 at 10:43 PM

WC

“ Wayne Clark lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner



Wayne Clark - January 17, 2021 at 06:23 PM

MK

“ *Mark And Lisa King lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner*



Mark and Lisa King - January 17, 2021 at 05:50 PM

KO

“ *Kari Oulahyane lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner*



Kari Oulahyane - January 17, 2021 at 09:49 AM

BN

“ *Bobby And Genevieve Norris sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner*



Bobby and Genevieve Norris - January 17, 2021 at 09:34 AM

PM

“ *Patricia Mayer lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner*



patricia mayer - January 17, 2021 at 08:35 AM

PM

Such a delightful lady ,she always had a smile and a hug ,she could always make me laugh!

patricia mayer - January 17, 2021 at 08:39 AM

LJ

“ *Lorraine Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner*



Lorraine Jenkins - January 17, 2021 at 12:19 AM

RK

“ *Ruth King lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner*



Ruth King - January 17, 2021 at 12:18 AM

CW

“ *Dave & Cheryl Willoughby*



Cheryl Willoughby - January 17, 2021 at 12:10 AM

BW

“ *Bob & Sheila Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner*



Bob & Sheila Willis - January 16, 2021 at 09:05 PM

AB

“ *Ann Chance Butler lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner*



ann chance butler - January 16, 2021 at 05:35 PM

TS

“ *Tim & Esther Blackiston, Sudlersville sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner*



Tim & Esther Blackiston, Sudlersville - January 16, 2021 at 01:33 PM

FP

“ *Frank & Tish Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner*



Frank & Tish Palmatary - January 16, 2021 at 01:33 PM

AT

“ Amy Kraemer Thomas lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner



Amy Kraemer Thomas - January 16, 2021 at 10:55 AM

SC

“ Shosh Callahan lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner



shosh callahan - January 16, 2021 at 10:40 AM

CH

“ Cheryl Horney lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner



Cheryl Horney - January 16, 2021 at 08:45 AM

BM

“ Billy, JJ And Jared Messix lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner



Billy, JJ and Jared Messix - January 16, 2021 at 08:18 AM

DF

“ *David Wenck & Family lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner*



David Wenck & Family - January 16, 2021 at 07:42 AM

LH

“ *Lyn Higdon lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner*



Lyn Higdon - January 15, 2021 at 11:36 PM

DG

“ *David & Annie Gardner lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner*



David & Annie Gardner - January 15, 2021 at 11:29 PM

RM

“ *Robin Mowbray lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner*



Robin Mowbray - January 15, 2021 at 11:09 PM

RJ

“ Rhonda & Ronnie Jewell lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner



Rhonda & Ronnie Jewell - January 15, 2021 at 10:45 PM

TB

“ Terri And Rabbit Baxter lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner



Terri and Rabbit Baxter - January 15, 2021 at 09:10 PM

TB

Love to all of her family!! I can tell a many of story !! Mrs. Shirley was one of a kind!!

Terri and Rabbit Baxter - January 15, 2021 at 09:12 PM

LW

“ Larry And Lynne Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner



Larry and Lynne Wilkins - January 15, 2021 at 08:06 PM

DP

“ Dave And Kathy Poet lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner



Dave and Kathy Poet - January 15, 2021 at 07:50 PM

TP

“ Tammy Parker lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner



Tammy Parker - January 15, 2021 at 06:50 PM

DR

“ DEAN RHODES lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner



DEAN RHODES - January 15, 2021 at 06:11 PM

DR

So sorry about Miss Shirleys passing, our thoughts and prayers are with the family

DEAN RHODES - January 15, 2021 at 06:13 PM

MG

“ *Moochie & Debbie Gilmer lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner*



Moochie & Debbie Gilmer - January 15, 2021 at 05:32 PM

JC

“ *June Clark lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner*



June Clark - January 15, 2021 at 04:52 PM

JC

*So sorry to hear the passing of Shirley I would visit her at Corsica Hills when I would visit my brother ,Gerry. Shirley with the rest of her family lived next door to,us in Queenstown. RIP
June Kaufman Clark*

June Clark - January 15, 2021 at 04:57 PM

JA

“ *Jane Anthony lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner*



Jane Anthony - January 15, 2021 at 04:46 PM

MB

“ *Michelle And Martin Beville lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner*



Michelle and Martin Beville - January 15, 2021 at 12:39 PM

JE

“ *James Ewing lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner*



James Ewing - January 15, 2021 at 12:23 PM

SW

“ *Sue Cook Wolff lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner*



Sue Cook Wolff - January 15, 2021 at 09:09 AM

DT

“ *Debbie Thomas lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner*



Debbie Thomas - January 15, 2021 at 09:05 AM

GP

“ Gene & Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner



Gene & Lynda Palmatary - January 15, 2021 at 08:49 AM

KS

“ KAREN STANAVICH lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner



KAREN STANAVICH - January 15, 2021 at 08:36 AM

MD

“ Missy, Mark, Wyatt & Dustin lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner



Missy, Mark, Wyatt & Dustin - January 14, 2021 at 08:33 PM

TK

“ Tom , Donna Kaufman lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner



Tom , Donna Kaufman - January 14, 2021 at 07:33 PM



“ *Tammy & Matt Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Shirley Martha Gardner* ”



Tammy & Matt Larrimore - January 14, 2021 at 07:23 PM