



## Shirley Cox Grumbling

March 31, 1944 - April 7, 2025

Shirley was born in Washington D.C. on March 31, 1944, to Howard Earl Cox and Thelma Alice (Edwards) Cox. Shirley married Edwin M. Grumbling, her best friend and love of her life on April 24, 1965. Together they built a loving and beautiful life and had one daughter Christine E. (Boswell). In 2010 they lovingly welcomed their son-in-law Jay to the family; and in 2013 they joyfully welcomed their grandson Logan into the world. Shirley's greatest joy was her family and friends.

Shirley grew up in Bradbury Heights, Maryland and was a graduate of Suitland High School. After high school she went to Strayer's Business College and then worked for National Sojourners, Incorporated a military masonic organization, for 46 years. Shirley was a member of St. Marks United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Hyde Parker's where she made many friendships.

Shirley is survived by her daughter Christine E. Boswell, her son-in law Jay C. Boswell, her grandson Logan, her cousins Viola (Tud) Murdock and Dave McColley, her nephew Wayne A. Grumbling and many other nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her dear friends Evelyn Jones, Sharon Turner, and Betty Glasgow. She is preceded in death by her husband Edwin M. Grumbling, parents Howard and Thelma, brothers Early Cox, Sr. and Richard Lewis Cox, and nephew Earl Cox, Jr.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, April 18, 2025, at 10am at Fort Lincoln Cemetery, 3401 Bladensburg Road, Brentwood, MD 20722 where she

will be laid to rest with her beloved husband.

Shirley had a generous and giving spirit. She also had a love for her country and knew the importance of teaching today's youth about freedom and patriotism. To honor that spirit the family asks that you consider making a donation to National Sojourners, Incorporated's Spirit of America Youth Education Fund. [<https://nationalsojourners.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/S-DEF-donation-form2015.pdf>].

Address: 7942-R Cluny Court, Springfield, VA 22153. Phone Number: 703-765-5000. Please note Spirit of America Youth Education Fund in the memo of a check.

## Cemetery Details

### Fort Lincoln Cemetery

Brentwood, MD

## Previous Events

### Burial

APR 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

Fort Lincoln Funeral Home & Cemetery  
3401 Bladensburg Rd  
Brentwood, MD 20722  
(301) 864-5090

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marti Flynn and Frank and Brenda Kidd purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Shirley Cox Grumbling.*



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**Marti Flynn and Frank and Brenda Kidd** - April 16, 2025 at 11:53 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley Cox Grumbling.

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April 15, 2025 at 08:24 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Cox Grumbling.*



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“ *Prayers for your family. Shirley, You my friend, lit up the room. Always with a smile. I will miss you.*



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**Karen Reed** - April 15, 2025 at 07:50 AM

PD

“ Pat & Dave purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Shirley Cox Grumbling.



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**Pat & Dave** - April 14, 2025 at 05:40 PM

MB

“ Shirley had been a friend of mine since early 70's , I met my her and her husband when they moved across the street and we've been in touch ever since. Their Daughter and our daughter where born within the same year and both are Chrissy s. After we both moved we still stayed in touch. Shirley found some photos of long ago and we met at Mt Vernon to catch up, she and Ed and I would meet a few times a year at Mt. Vernon and we also had a lovely time. When her husband passed away, she was lonely and moved near to her daughter and we continued to communicate , many times with passing senior jokes. I did not hear from her after Christmas instead I heard the bad news from her daughter. She will be thought of often by me and be missed. God bless her daughter and family and friends to give them comfort.

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**Maria Briganti** - April 12, 2025 at 05:58 PM

GM

“ Gabriele May lit a candle in memory of Shirley Cox Grumbling



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**Gabriele May** - April 11, 2025 at 04:26 PM

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“ Shirley was always smiling and laughing. Always looked her absolute best walking in the door to church. I will miss her! Prayers for her family and friends who loved her dearly.



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**Karen Reed** - April 11, 2025 at 11:17 AM

DD

“ 3 files added to the album Fall 2024



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**Dawn Denison** - April 10, 2025 at 09:26 PM