



Shirley Ann Kaufman

November 25, 1947 - October 15, 2025

Shirley Ann Kaufman died on October 15, 2025, at her home in Betterton, MD, surrounded by family. She was 77 years old.

She was born in Chestertown, MD on November 25, 1947, the daughter of the late George Curlett and Laura Virginia (Crew) Curlett. She graduated from Chestertown High School with the class of 1966, along with her junior high and high school sweetheart, V. Wayne Kaufman. The two were married on November 12, 1966, and enjoyed 58 years and 11 months together. From 1969-1971, they lived in North Carolina while Wayne served in the Army at Fort Bragg. After moving back to Betterton, Shirley stayed home to raise their daughter before beginning to work as a cafeteria worker for Kent County Public Schools. She worked most of her career at Worton Elementary School and Kent County High School before retiring in 2009.

Shirley was a lifelong member of Betterton United Methodist Church, and was a proud Betterton girl, born and raised. She cherished her family and her beloved dog Pepper and loved shopping.

In addition to her husband, V. Wayne Kaufman of Betterton, MD, she is survived by her daughter, Melissa Myers (Chris) of Chestertown, MD; granddaughter, Lauren Myers of Chestertown, MD; brother, George Curlett (Chrissy) of WV; and of course, Pepper.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, October 19 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown. A funeral service will be held on Monday, October 20 at 11:00 am at the funeral home.

Interment to follow in Still Pond Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Compass Regional Hospice at 160 Coursevall Dr. Centreville, MD 21617 or to the Betterton Methodist Church at P.O. Box 131 Betterton, MD 21610.

Cemetery Details

Still Pond Cemetery

Still Pond, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Service

OCT **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

EK

“ Edgewood K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Ann Kaufman.

Edgewood K. - October 23, 2025 at 10:24 AM

AN

“ Anne North lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman



Anne North - October 23, 2025 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Tara Peace lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman



Tara Peace - October 20, 2025 at 08:04 PM

HH

“ Harriette Hall lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman



Harriette Hall - October 20, 2025 at 07:59 PM

SD

“ *Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman*



Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski - October 20, 2025 at 08:06 AM

DB

“ *Dinky, Laura And Bennett lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman*



Dinky, Laura and Bennett - October 20, 2025 at 07:38 AM

NW

“ *Nancy Walls lit a candle in memory of a special lady, Shirley Kaufman*



Nancy Walls - October 19, 2025 at 09:29 PM

JP

*I worked with Shirley at cafeteria for years! She was a great person!
Sorry I missed services just found out*

Joyce Powell - October 20, 2025 at 06:30 PM

BS

“ *Billy And Patricia Sutton lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman*



Billy and Patricia Sutton - October 19, 2025 at 08:33 PM

RK

“ *Wayne, Melissa and family, I know Shirley will be deeply missed. She was always kind to people and I will always remember her sweet smile and laugh. I am so sorry for your loss.*



Rita and Eddie Kulley - October 19, 2025 at 08:00 PM

LD

“ *Louise Dove lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman*



Louise Dove - October 19, 2025 at 09:06 AM

PG

“ *Wayne and Family, We were very sad to learn of Shirley's passing. I can't get down to the service. but we both have you in our thoughts and prayers.*
Pee Wee and Kay Glenn

Pee Wee and Kay Glenn - October 18, 2025 at 02:32 PM

FD

“ Frankie & Jane Dill sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman



Frankie & Jane Dill - October 18, 2025 at 12:13 PM

LP

“ Lee Phillips lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman



Lee Phillips - October 18, 2025 at 07:45 AM

BE

“ Bonnie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman



Bonnie Edwards - October 17, 2025 at 08:49 PM

JD

“ Joy Drury lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman



Joy Drury - October 17, 2025 at 08:08 PM

BB

“ *Barney & Kaye Barnes lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman*



Barney & Kaye Barnes - October 17, 2025 at 06:32 PM

JC

“ *June Clark lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman*



June Clark - October 17, 2025 at 05:58 PM

JC

Wayne and family, so sorry for your loss but your good memories will get you through this difficult time.

June Kaufman Clark

June Clark - October 17, 2025 at 06:02 PM

LS

“ *Wayne, we are keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. I have known Shirley since we were in elementary school together. many good memories.*



Louise and Ken Stonesifer - October 17, 2025 at 04:20 PM

HL

“ *Herbie & Patti Lusby lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman*



Herbie & Patti Lusby - October 17, 2025 at 03:53 PM

PH

“ *Peggy Hammer lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman*



Peggy Hammer - October 17, 2025 at 02:25 PM

ES

“ *Eric, Amanda, Nathan And Maci Sutton lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman*



Eric, Amanda, Nathan and Maci Sutton - October 17, 2025 at 01:42 PM

ES

and Amanda :- XOXO*

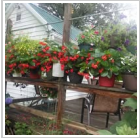
Eric, Amanda, Nathan and Maci Sutton - October 17, 2025 at 01:45 PM

AS

“ Allan & Susan Schauber lite a candle for Shirley Kaufman



Allan W Schauber - October 17, 2025 at 01:08 PM



“ Sherrie Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman



Sherrie Jacobs - October 17, 2025 at 12:02 PM

BC

“ BARBARA COLEMAN lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman



BARBARA COLEMAN - October 17, 2025 at 11:57 AM

CN

“ Chris & Vivian Nordhoff sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman



Chris & Vivian Nordhoff - October 17, 2025 at 11:51 AM

FL

“ We are sending our deepest sympathy to all of Shirley's family. She was such a wonderful person who is going to be missed. We are sending hugs to all of you.

Frankie and Cathy Legg - October 17, 2025 at 11:31 AM

DN

“ Diana Nichols lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman



Diana Nichols - October 17, 2025 at 10:57 AM

DN

“ Debbie And Bob Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman



Debbie And Bob Nickerson - October 17, 2025 at 10:22 AM

JK

“ My heart goes out to Melissa and her family.



Jenn Kulley - October 17, 2025 at 09:35 AM



“ Shirley and I both grew up in Betterton. We were very close in our childhood years. She was a wonderful person. My sincere condolences to Wayne and Melissa.



Sandy Green - October 17, 2025 at 07:49 AM

JS

“ Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman



Jeanette Stubbs - October 17, 2025 at 05:23 AM

PN

“ Phillip And Susan Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman



Phillip and Susan Nickerson - October 16, 2025 at 11:28 PM

CS

“ Carolyn Spray



Carolyn Spray - October 16, 2025 at 09:08 PM

BR

“ *Bob And Sandy Rust lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman*



Bob and Sandy Rust - October 16, 2025 at 07:25 PM

PL

“ *Phillip Lott lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman*



Phillip Lott - October 16, 2025 at 06:46 PM

EH

“ *Ed And Bonnie Haden lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Kaufman*



Ed and Bonnie Haden - October 16, 2025 at 05:53 PM