



Shirley Anne O'Donnell

April 27, 1929 - December 6, 2014

Shirley Stewart O'Donnell of Kinnaird's Point died December 6, 2014. She was 85. Born in Wilmington, DE, on April 27, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Winfield A. and Elsie Hitchens Stewart.

She is survived by her husband of more than 60 years, Patrick O'Donnell, Jr. Her daughter Anne Stewart O'Donnell lives in College Park; son, Craig P. O'Donnell and wife Kate live in Delaware City. She has three surviving sisters, Jacqueline S. Thompson and husband Paul of Landenburg, PA, Audrey S. Spengler and husband Robert of Wilmington, and Joan S. Cobb of Houston, TX. Her brother, Winfield T. Stewart, and wife Arzella live in Millville, DE. She is also survived by her aunt, Kathryn Hitchens Biscoe of Wilmington, DE.

Shirley was a 1947 Conrad High School graduate. She often related how, during a class trip to Washington, DC, she climbed all 897 steps to the top of the Washington Monument with a classmate. She went on to the Delaware Hospital School of Nursing and later earned a BS in Education at Millersville University.

She worked at the Delaware Hospital and Rocky Mountain Hospital in Denver. In Wilmington, she worked in the practices of Dr. Richard Hayden and Dr. Allen Seeger. Shirley became a school nurse and retired from the Christina School District. She was a life member of the National Education Association

and a member of the Delaware State Education Association.

After moving to Kent County, she volunteered many years at the Chestertown Antiques Show. She joined the Women's League and Friends of Miller Library, both at Washington College; the Historical Society of Kent County; and Cadwalader Questers. She was a past member of Flotilla 1904, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the Rock Hall Yacht Club.

Shirley was particularly interested in her Fassitt and Hitchens ancestors from the Eastern Shore of Virginia and Maryland and unraveled some of the knots in the family tree.

She will be buried at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear, DE, in a private ceremony. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, she has asked for donations to the Humane Society of Kent County, P.O. Box 352, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Tribute Wall



“ Shirley Anne O'Donnell

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Shirley Anne O'Donnell

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Shirley Anne O'Donnell

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Danielle Pierzynski lit a candle in memory of Shirley Anne O'Donnell



Danielle Pierzynski - December 16, 2014 at 01:48 PM



“ Dear Mr O'Donnell, We are sorry to read of your wife's death. We send our condolences and wish you God's grace for the future.

From Mervin and Sue Lapp of The Lapp Family Bakery

Mervin Lapp - December 12, 2014 at 04:17 PM

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“ *Josie Elburn lit a candle in memory of Shirley Anne O'Donnell*



Josie Elburn - December 08, 2014 at 06:20 PM