



Shirley E Sallet

April 4, 1929 - July 16, 2026

Shirley was born in West Warwick, Rhode Island, to Beatrice and Abraham Lechtman. Her sister was Priscilla Lechtman and her brother was Max Lechtman.

Shirley graduated from Brown University and earned a Master's degree in education from Antioch College, and later did graduate work in art history. Shirley married Maynard Sallet after college, and they lived in Norwood, Massachusetts, where she and her husband raised Hilary and Jonathan. The family enjoyed trips to Maine in the summer and hosted Sunday dinners for all of her family — Sundays were special.

Shirley was an art teacher at an elementary school in Massachusetts.

Shirley moved to Washington, DC in 1981 to be closer to her children. She worked at John Eaton Elementary School as an art teacher and remained there until her retirement in 1992.

Shirley traveled all over the world with various artists' groups in the summer, both while teaching and after she retired. She traveled to Italy, France, and Mexico. Her favorite trip was to the pictorial caves in Lascaux, France, in the Dordogne region. She enjoyed the travel and the opportunity to paint with fellow artists immensely.

In 2000, Shirley moved to St. Michaels, Maryland, and continued to paint. She joined the St. Michaels Art League and joined the Working Artists Forum. Her artwork was on display at several galleries.

Shirley lived a long and productive life. She is survived by her children

Jonathan and Hilary, grandchildren Clare and Andrew, as well as nieces and nephews with whom she was very close.

A graveside service will be held on Sunday, July 19th, 2026, at 1pm at Oxford Cemetery, Oxford, MD.

Cemetery Details

Oxford Cemetery

Oxford Cemetery Rd
Oxford, MD 21654

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL **19**. 1:00 PM (est)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I first met Shirley when Hilary married my husband's brother. My children thought of her as Grandma Shirley. Shirley, Hilary, Clare and Andrew joined us at Thanksgiving for a number of years until the 2+hour trip became difficult for Shirley. Jim and I along with our daughter Suzanne and her fiancé Gabe (now husband) visited Shirley after her last hospital stay. Numerous times Shirley stated she was going to get better and out of her bed so she could entertain us better next time. Shirley asked about all our children and their children. Still sharp as a tack. We admired her artwork that was hung in her home. Discussed what dishes she made that we liked. Her apple pie topped the list. Shirley was a lovely soul. Rest in peace. We will miss our visits.

Cathy and Jim Henry - July 18 at 09:50 PM

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“ A. Anderson lit a candle in memory of Shirley
E Sallet



A. Anderson - July 18 at 09:29 PM