



## Shirley Stotts

November 13, 1930 - February 19, 2015

Shirley Jean Bowman Stotts died on Thursday, February 19, 2015, at Genesis HealthCare-The Pines in Easton, MD. She was 84.

Born November 13, 1930, in Baltimore, MD, she was the daughter of the late B. Willard and Mary Toms Bowman.

Shirley graduated from Western High School in Baltimore in 1948. She attended Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA, and graduated in 1952. A chemistry major in college, Shirley worked as a blood chemist at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Shirley married Vernon D. Stotts, from Appleton, MN, in 1959, and went on to raise their family on Maryland's Eastern Shore

Shirley was a wonderful mother and grandmother. Her children were lucky to have a mother who stayed at home. She was both a Cub Scout and Girl Scout leader and was a loving advocate for her children throughout their lives. Shirley was a member of the Queen Anne's County Homemakers for many years.

Mrs. Stotts was also the important female member of the "Old Fogies Club" that met each summer for seafood and camaraderie. She was great at preparing steamed seafood and soups for the annual gathering.

Shirley enjoyed many outdoor activities, including canoeing, boating and

gardening. She loved to fish and was an avid birdwatcher and a driftwood/artifact/rock collector. She also enjoyed reading and playing cards. Mrs. Stotts was an excellent seamstress and crafter. Her work included ceramics, all types of needlework, and floral arranging. She especially liked to make floral arrangements with driftwood that they found while boating on the Chesapeake Bay.

She was our love, and the light of our life. Her sweet personality and bright smile will be missed by many.

Shirley is survived by her husband, Vernon, of 56 years; a daughter, Donna Leigh Stotts (James Slacum) of Hurlock, MD, and a son, Daniel B. Stotts (Laura Mitchell) of Sudlersville, MD; three grandchildren, Andrew Lloyd, Ian Stotts, and Travis Stotts; a sister-in-law, Betty Lou Bowman; four brothers-in-law and five sisters-in-law in MN, and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a brother, Charles W. (Bill) Bowman.

A gathering will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2015, from 6-8 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, PA, 200 S. Harrison St. in Easton. A memorial service will be held on Friday, March 13, 2015, at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, Mid-Atlantic Division, 92 Read's Way, Suite 205, New Castle, DE 19720 or [www.cancer.org/donate](http://www.cancer.org/donate).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Easton Location  
200 South Harrison Street  
Easton, MD 21601  
(410) 822-3131  
[info@fhfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fhfuneralhome.com)

## Service

MAR 13 (ET)

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200 South Harrison Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Stotts*



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - March 10, 2015 at 11:20 AM



“ *Shirley Stotts*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Shirley Stotts*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Shirley Stotts*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Stotts.*



March 12, 2015 at 02:58 PM

DS

“ It was a bright day in my life when I first met Shirley on the first day of our new jobs at Johns Hopkins Hospital. We were new college graduates, and I was new to Baltimore, but from that day on I knew I had met a true friend, a bright, smart, happy gal who enjoyed life, who rode mobylettes with me in Bermuda on our first big adventure and who, waiting in line with me at Haussner's Restaurant in Baltimore, turned to meet and chat with the two handsome men in line behind us. The rest is history. She married one of them, Vern, and I married the other. Shirley's love, talents, and friendship are lasting memories and her life was made beautiful with Vern, and her dear Danny and Donna.

*Dottie Smith with husband Richard*

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**Dorothy Smith** - March 11, 2015 at 04:49 PM



“ Dawn of Remembrance Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Stotts.



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March 11, 2015 at 01:58 PM

AV

“ To Vern and his loving Family -- We sincerely share in your sorrow. Our memories of you and Shirley on Greenwood Creek -- such wonderful years of good times together -- such wonderful years of knowing how much you cared for our parents next door, as they moved along life's path a little ahead of us all. You and Shirley were their daily source of comfort and pleasure. They spoke often of the fun you had together -- especially the landscaping projects, the Holiday parties and the late evening card games. We hold an abiding and loving memory in our hearts of this beautiful lady.

Alice and Adrian Velthuis

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Alice and Adrian Velthuis - March 11, 2015 at 10:41 AM

LM

“ I keep trying to start this, and it is so very hard...it is so impossible to put into words how kind, generous, and sweet Shirley was. She was a loving spirit, and the best mother in law a daughter in law could have ever hoped for. She was the ultimate "homemaker", who spent her life energy supporting and loving her children and her husband, making their house a welcoming home, and reaching out to relatives and family members every day of her life. Even as she was losing her memory, and things were becoming foggy for her late in life, she remained sunny, sweet, and smiling...I can't imagine a more graceful way to conclude a life. We will miss her very much.

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Laura Mitchell - March 11, 2015 at 08:45 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shirley Stotts.



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March 10, 2015 at 11:51 PM

JM

“ Shirley was a warm, kind, and generous person who always looked at life in a positive way. We especially remember enjoying some very special occasions of going fishing with Vern and Shirley, having dinner on the back porch of their original residence on the water, and playing cards together. Shirley was a very thoughtful hostess, and a delight to be with. She will be greatly missed by all who were lucky enough to have known her. Our love and heartfelt condolences to Vern, Donna and her family, and Dan and his family.  
*Jim and Mary Jane Mitchell*

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**Jim Mitchell** - March 09, 2015 at 12:34 PM

LD

“ Dear Vernon, My very Deepest Sympathy to You. Sincerely, Libby Kelley Dawkins

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**Libby Kelley Dawkins** - March 08, 2015 at 12:01 PM

WW

“ To Vern and Family--Ann and Bill W mourn the loss of Shirley, a fine lady and a close friend. We pray that time will ease your pain but know that you will always carry vivid and happy memories of the many years you shared together. GOD BLESS

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**William Whitman** - March 03, 2015 at 05:04 PM

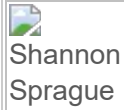
LC

“ Linda Callaway lit a candle in memory of Shirley Stotts



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**Linda callaway** - February 26, 2015 at 01:22 PM



Shannon Sprague

“ I am so very sorry for your loss, Donna. The loss of a parent is very difficult.

Shannon Sprague - February 23, 2015 at 11:05 AM

JR

“ To Dan and all your family - my thoughts are with you. May your memories guide you to a peaceful place! Jan Ross

Jan Ross - February 21, 2015 at 04:18 PM

JO

“ So sorry Donna, for you and your family on the loss of your Mom. She sounds like an amazing woman. Sending hugs.



Judy O'Neil - February 21, 2015 at 03:35 PM

EH

“ May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful time together as you celebrate a life well lived.

E. Huskey - February 20, 2015 at 07:28 PM

NS

“ Nan & Shirley Severa lit a candle in memory of Shirley Stotts



Nan & Shirley Severa - February 20, 2015 at 07:23 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Donna. Prayers of strength for your family.

*Ann Pacey*

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**Ann Pacey** - February 20, 2015 at 07:17 PM