



Shirley J. Harkness

October 6, 1930 - November 3, 2020

On Tuesday November 3, 2020 Shirley J. Harkness, loving wife and mother of six children, passed away at Bradford County Manor in Troy, PA. She was born in Nichols NY on October 6, 1930 to Edward Franklin and Suzy Elsie Van Winkle . Shirley grew up in Ulster Pa. and graduated from Ulster High School. She then worked in Elmira at the Gorton Coy Department Store until she married Donald Harkness on September 29, 1951. They raised six daughters on their farm in West Franklin PA.

Shirley loved nature and especially bird watching. She was a creative, talented, passionate quilter. She baked the best apple pies ever!! She loved to sing and dance. She was very active in the Republican party and was the President of Republican Women for many years. She loved the Lord. She was a member of the Alba Christian Church. She spent her last four years in the Bradford County Manor praying, reading the Bible, ministering to and encouraging the residents and staff. And now she is singing and dancing with our Lord.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband Don on November 13th, 2018. She is survived by her six children; Lynn Yoder and her husband Ken who live in Riverview, FL, Debbie Howard and her husband Rich who live in Homets Ferry, PA, Mary Cummings and her husband Richard who live in Sarasota, Florida, Donna Cisco and her husband Rick who live in Wellsboro, PA, Beth

Murphy and her husband Greg who live in Rockledge, FL, and Louise Summey and her husband Barry who live in Lake Wylie SC. She has 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She is survived by three siblings, Lena Struppler of Roanoke, VA, Bill Franklin of Phelps, NY, and Jack Franklin of Clifton Springs, NY.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Friday, June 25, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at the Alba Christian Church. Interment was private in Bradford County Memorial Park, Burlington Township, PA. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Bradford County Memorial Park

20452 Route 6
Towanda, PA 18848

Previous Events

Service

JUN 25. 4:00 PM (ET)

Alba Christian Church
Alba, PA

Tribute Wall



“ Shirley J. Harkness

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Shirley J. Harkness

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ Shirley J. Harkness

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ Shirley J. Harkness

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ Shirley J. Harkness

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

“ From Debbie Harkness Howard on Dec. 1, 2020

Good morning...

In reflecting over the last month and all the attacks each family has had..

Our family has been under attack since Mom's passing... We now have to carry on with our own prayers.. Her own prayers, through God's Word are still over each one of us from the oldest to the youngest..

Some of her prayers:

... II Tim. 1:7 For we are not born of a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind..(self-control)

...Eph.6:12 For our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities , against power, against rulers of darkness of this world, and against spiritual forces in heavenly places..

...I Cor 13:4,7,8 Love suffers long and is kind...bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things... Love never fails

... Phil. 4:19 But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus.

...Isa 54:17 No weapon formed against you shall prosper..

Every grandchild, great grandchild who came to visit, she prophesied into your life.. It was God through Gramma speaking life into you.. What she spoke over you still lives, God's Word does not lie..

It will not return void

Isa 55:11 So shall My Word be that goeth forth out from My mouth: It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish that what I please..

(Capitalization of Me, My, I is God speaking...)

We are blessed to have such a great patriarch over our family..

We are blessed to be a blessing..

Beth Murphy for Deb Howard - December 01, 2020 at 03:47 PM

CN

“ Dear Cousins,

Aunt Shirley had a notable greeting. It usually went something like this: "Well hello, Cassi. Gosh, it's nice to see you. I like your haircut (or top...or necklace...). She made you feel like she was really seeing you in a meaningful way.

On the evening of August 8, 1974, Aunt Shirley called Donna, Beth, and I into the house from playing in the yard. Richard Nixon was announcing his resignation from the presidency, and Shirley thought it might be a once-in-a-lifetime thing for us to witness. Throughout my life whenever Nixon's resignation speech is mentioned, I flashback to standing in Don and Shirley's living room where I saw it happen.

I always enjoyed visiting your home, but I usually had the thought that Shirley didn't need one more girl hanging around. Your mom NEVER made me feel that way. In recent years when I stopped by to see her at the Manor, Shirley often recommended an inspirational book.

I am sad for your loss, for our family's loss, for the end of our time with Harkness aunts and uncles.

*Much love and light to you all,
Cassi*



Cassi Ney - November 15, 2020 at 09:32 PM

AB

“ Wonderful memories of Shirley, especially times spent at her home cutting and sewing and creating wonderful quilts!! She always made sure I would have a magazine and some fabric when I left at the end of the day!
Amy Bellows

Amy Bellows - November 10, 2020 at 01:21 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Shirley Harkness



Beth Murphy - November 09, 2020 at 07:42 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Shirley Harkness



Beth Murphy - November 09, 2020 at 08:35 AM

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Beth Murphy - November 09, 2020 at 08:34 AM

DH

“ Dear Mary and family,

I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. I have found memories of her from being at your home. She was so loving and kind. After all these years, I actually think of her often when I make that yummy rigatoni recipe she fed me one time. I send comforting thoughts and prayers to all of you.

Diane Gates Hagadorn - November 05, 2020 at 08:58 AM