



## Shirley Jean (Card) Strohl

March 5, 1939 - July 1, 2024

Shirley Jean (Card) Strohl was born on March 5, 1939 and passed away peacefully at home under the loving care of her family on July 1, 2024. Shirley was a devoted wife to John R. Strohl, who predeceased her on 8/31/2016 and a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother to a very large family. Shirley loved the Lord and was a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church of Towanda, where she served her Lord as a kindergarten teacher, co-chairwoman of church rummage sales and was a deacon for many years. Shirley wasn't just a Christain on Sundays, she walked the walk, through acts of kindness, compassion, and generosity to others. She spoke openly about her love of the Lord and her ministry was by personal example.

If you met Shirley on the street, in a store or at a doctor's appointment, she would quickly befriend you and invite you to her home for a slice of her famous apple pie and a cup of coffee. Hospitality was her passion and she loved people.

Shirley graduated from Towanda High School in 1957 and attended Empire Beauty School in Wilkes-Barre, PA, graduating in 1958 with a license to practice cosmetology. Shirley's first beauty salon was in Wysox, PA, opening in October 1958. Later when Shirley married John R. Strohl she moved her beauty salon into her home on 4th Street in Towanda. Shirley was the owner and operator of Strohl's Beauty Salon until her family grew and she closed her salon to care for them.

Shirley was well known in her community having been a brownie leader for

her youngest daughter's troop and a cub scout den mother for her youngest sons. Shirley served for 30yrs. on the local election board in Towanda 1st ward.

In later years, Shirley went back to work as a teacher's aide in cosmetology at the Northern Tier Career Center from January 1992 to December 1992. She was also a greeter at the Wysox KMart from March 1994 to February 1996. Shirley is predeceased by her parents; Warren and Edna Card, who owned and operated Card's Service Center on College Avenue in Towanda. She was an only child, who longed to be a part of a large family. She got that wish when she married John R. Strohl on July 16, 1961; he was one of 15 children, so Shirley now had plenty of sisters and brothers. Together, John and Shirley had seven children: Diane L. Corcoran (deceased 2017), John R. Strohl, Jr. (deceased 2022); living children, Michele V. Strohl, Penny Brown-Palmer, Valerie O'Neil, Warren Strohl and David Strohl.

Shirley is also survived by her son and daughters-in-law; Claudia Strohl (John Jr.), Jane Land (Michele), Howard O'Neil (Valerie), Fran Strohl (Warren), and Tina Strohl (David). Ex-daughters and sons in-law, who have remained close to the family: Sherry Strohl, Sandra Karr (Gene), Ann Westbrook, Vivian Strohl, Dale Brown( Fran), and Ken Raupers (Wendy). In addition she is survived by her special friend, Tom Jennings and special Goddaughter, Lorraine Benjamin Walker (Jim).

Shirley is survived by many grandchildren: Tara Strohl Peeler (Brandon), Jeremy Strohl, Andrew George (Jenny), Marcus Lay, Nicholas Corcoran (Cosette), Owen Brown (Angelina), Kyle Brown (Lindsey), Julia Strohl Evans, Jenna Strohl Peterson (Robbie), Dylan Strohl, Ashley Strohl Birdsall (Tyler), Nathan Raupers (Allyssa), Travis Raupers (Raquel), Kenneth Raupers, Jr. (Katrina), Macen Raupers, Danielle Parkhurst (Jeff), Wesley O'Neil , Stephanie Young, Jim Seymour (Jen), and Jared Seymour (Krystal), William Ellingsgard and Dominique Ellingsgard.

Shirley is survived by the following great-grandchildren; Emily Strohl, Hailey Strohl, Lily McKenzie, Nicholas Corcoran, Jr., Seth Lay, Rhone Lay, Clara

Brown, Theodore Brown, Nathaniel Brown, Cassidy Raupers, Nora Wedding, Carson Chamberlain, Iris Raupers, Matthew Raupers, Anastasia Brown, Natalia Brown, Hunter Parkhurst, Mason Parkhurst, Faith Parkhurst, Xander Shoemaker, Xoie Shoemaker, Jaelyn Young, Aleigha Young, Evelynia O'Neil, Robbie O'Neil, Chase Seymour, Kamdyn Seymour, Ben Seymour, Gabriel Peterson, Grayson Peterson, Gavin, Peterson, Graham Peterson, Harley Slater, McKenzie Slater, and Damien Forrest.

A time of visitation for family and friends will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Towanda from 5pm-7pm on Friday 7/5/2024, a memorial service to celebrate Shirley's life will follow at 7pm. Light refreshments will be served during and after the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Towanda or to a charity of your choice in Shirley's name. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenf unerahomes.com](http://www.bowenf unerahomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Bradford County Memorial Park

20452 Route 6  
Towanda, PA 18848

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
5 Court Street  
Towanda, PA 18848

## Service

JUL 5. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

EM

“ To the Strohl Family: My condolences on the loss of your mother. I remember Mrs. Strohl very well from my growing up years in Towanda. She always had a smile and a pleasant word for me and I remember her fondly.

*Eric Mullendore, Chicago IL*

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**Eric Mullendore** - July 19, 2024 at 09:34 PM

BC

“ Penny,  
Sending our love and condolences to you and your entire family.

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**Bonnie Colton** - July 05, 2024 at 01:11 PM

JB

“ Julie Shay Bump lit a candle in memory of  
Shirley Strohl



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**Julie Shay Bump** - July 05, 2024 at 04:49 AM

JB

“ Warren, so sorry for your loss. Heaven has definitely gained an angel. I met Shirley and her parents through my mom and dad. Shirley was one of the kindest and friendliest ladies I've ever met. She would always stop and talk when we bumped into each other at the stores . may your memories bring you comfort during this difficult time and always. R.I.P. Shirley

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**Julie Shay Bump** - July 05, 2024 at 04:47 AM

LV

“ Deepest sympathy to the family! I met Shirley while working at Kmart! She was a wonderful, caring, kind person! She will be missed!



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**Lorinda Vanderpool** - July 04, 2024 at 06:22 AM

AO

“ Sweetest Mrs. Strohl.....always looked like a million dollars at Church, with her million dollar warmth and smile....I enjoyed her so much, and our lovely talks after church-Coffee Time.  
R.I.P. My Buddy, Mrs. Stroll.  
♡♡Amy O'Rourke

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**Amy O'Rourke** - July 03, 2024 at 12:24 AM

BW

“ Penny , Sorry for your loss.



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**Bob Wilcox** - July 02, 2024 at 07:08 PM

BU

“ *My deepest sympathy to Shirley's entire family. They have lost their dear matriarch. Many of us have lost a dear friend. I first became close to Shirley when we worked together for years on the election board. Even after I moved to Florida, we stayed in touch, so I will miss those chats and notes. Rest in Peace, dear friend, and enjoy your place among the saints.*



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**Barbara Ulatowski** - July 02, 2024 at 03:36 PM

JH

“ *Dear Strohl Family,  
It is with sadness to learn of Shirley's passing. Such a nice Friend.  
Please accept my sincere condolences and know that my thoughts  
and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. May God  
Bless!*

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**Joyce Hinkson** - July 02, 2024 at 02:50 PM

JS

“ *Judy Strohl lit a candle in memory of Shirley  
Strohl*



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**Judy Strohl** - July 02, 2024 at 10:21 AM

KJ

“ *Penny. My heart goes out to you on the loss of your mother. May  
your faith in Jesus help get you through this difficult time. Hugs my  
friend.*

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**Kate Jennings** - July 02, 2024 at 05:40 AM

JS

*We used to have many Sunday afternoon FB chats. I will miss her and I know her family will also...RIP Shirley and no more pain....*

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**Judy Strohl** - July 02, 2024 at 10:27 AM

RC

*Our deepest sympathy to the Strohl family.  
Rob and Jan Cunfer*

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**Robert Cunfer** - July 08, 2024 at 05:49 PM